

HOW WOULD THIS SUIT SIKESTONIANS

The formation of a Southeast Missouri track meet association, composed of representatives of all eligible high schools in this district, similar to the football organization, is proposed by the sportsmen of this city, following the general dissatisfaction of the way in which the recent Southeast Missouri meet at Cape Girardeau was handled. Whether the organization as advocated will be formed rests largely with the attitude which other schools in the district take, but it is believed that Sikeston, Dexter, Poplar Bluff, Caruthersville, Kennett and other cities can be counted on such an organization.

The plan as presented has the approval of local business men, and embodies the proposal, following the formation of an organization, that the meets of the association would be divided up, being held one year in Charleston, the next in Sikeston and so on, instead of being held in one place each year, as at present.

There is absolutely no reason why the high schools of Southeast Missouri should continue to put up with the manner in which Cape Girardeau is handling the Southeast Missouri meet, one prominent local business man told the Enterprise-Courier, in discussing the proposed track league. "The meets have been held there for years, but in spite of this fact, the Normal authorities, under whose auspices the meet have occurred, have made no efforts to improve their track facilities, not even providing a cinder track for the events. The Cape Girardeau business men, it seems to me, are also due for criticism, as I dare say that no one store in the city closed up on account of the meet, and the city of Cape Girardeau, outside of the school pupils, did not have a dozen representatives on the grounds.

"Charleston, Sikeston and other towns which participate in the track meet sends dozens of representatives to the Cape each year, spending hundreds of dollars with th hotels and business houses, and if this fact is appreciated by the Cape Girardeau people, they have thus far failed to show it in any substantial manner.

"I would favor the formation of a track meet association of our own, with a meet one year in this city, the next year perhaps in Sikeston the next in Poplar Bluff and so on so that each town would be enabled to enjoy some of the business incidents to the meet. Speaking for the merchants of Charleston, I am certain that I can guarantee that every business house in this city would close up the day that meet is held here, and that the people of the city will turn out en masse to attend the event, according to a much better patronage than has ever been given the Cape Girardeau meet by the people of that city."

It is understood that H. L. Jones, city superintendent of schools, is planning to take the question of an organization such as is proposed up with other city superintendents in the district, and if they approve of the proposal, the organization of a track meet league would be perfected this

spring, or as soon as the schools reconvene in the fall.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

1,400,000 FRECHMEN KILLED, 800,000 MAINED IN WAR

Paris, May 20.—What is perhaps the first concise and comprehensive statement of France's war losses has just been made by Capt. Andre Tardieu, former French High Commissioner in the United States, in describing what he calls the "balance sheet" of France. Tardieu states that during the five years of the war 8,000,000 men were mobilized, of whom 1,400,000 were killed, 800,000 maimed and 300,000 wounded. France lost 57 per cent of her men under 32 years of age.

Incident That Suggests Much

Nobody in St. Louis exclaimed "Hayseed" when a Missouri farmer dropped in here by airplane last week, making a flight of 160 miles at the rate of 2 miles a minute. "Old Dobbin" has been modernized beyond the dreams of speed-record breakers. People who are extra particular about eggs have a prospect of getting them from afar while then hens are cackling over their latest production. But numerous points of interest are connected with this unexpected occurrence. The flying farmer lives in Scott County, in Southeast Missouri, sometimes in former years quaintly called Swanpeast Missouri on account of its large area of wet lands. But when drained this land is wonderfully fertile without calling for other fertilizers than those so bountifully and conveniently stored up by nature. Southeast Missouri has become famous for its liberal and successful drainage enterprises. Let its farmers fly high. They have given the world a most valuable hint in agriculture, and now another in aviation.

Along the Mississippi and its ten thousand miles of navigable tributaries are millions of acres of wet lands. The opportunities are vast for profitable farming. No isolation will exist on these farms. They can count on airplanes as well as automobiles, with steamboats at hand for bulky freight. Do the railroads realize that new competitors are springing up?—Globe Democrat.

Nice new patterns in Men's Ties.—Pinnell Store Co.

Mrs. C. J. Skaggs of Pekin, Ill., returned home Friday after a week's visit in this city with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Cunningham and family.

State Sunday School Conventions this year are under a new plan. This to be the first time three conventions are to be held in different parts of the State. Under the old plan one convention covering the whole State was held in one place. One of the conventions this year will be held in Cape Girardeau, May 31-June 2, one in Aurora and one in Hannibal. This is the first time such a convention has been held in this part of the State and it is expected that there will be about 1000 delegates in attendance, representing Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian, Centenary Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, Evangelical, Lutheran, Episcopal, Maple Avenue Methodist Sunday Schools.

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JUNIOR RECITAL ON WEDNESDAY AT 3:15

Wednesday afternoon, May 26, at 3:15 the junior pupils of Miss Ruth Crowe will be heard in recital, at the Methodist Church. No admission will be charged and a most cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

Following is the programme for the afternoon:

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| Fairy Carnival..... | Ione Johnson |
| March of the Winds..... | Read Clara Randolph |
| Pretty Butterfly..... | Finh Kathleen Bowman |
| See Saw Waltz..... | Kelley Lyman Fox |
| Paper Chain Waltz..... | Lynes Virginia Freeman |
| Fairy Polka..... | Cramer Elizabeth Welch |
| Spring Song..... | Cutler Herschel Tyler |
| Thrush Mazurka..... | Keathley Edna Greer |
| Floating Zephyrs..... | Engleman Ruth Allard |
| Slumber Song..... | Irene Cox |
| Fairy Dreams..... | Grady Fannie Becker |
| To a Toy Soldier..... | Warner Evelyn Smith |
| Alice! Where Art Thou..... | Ascher Hilma Black |
| Nadia..... | Wachs Clara Lindley |
| Duet—Antelope Hunt..... | Calvini Helen Kready, Kathryn Jweel |

Dr. G. W. Grinstead of Cairo has been elected president of the Illinois State Medical Association.

Miss Mary Watts of West Plains arrived Friday for a visit with her sister, Miss Jennie Watts. During the rush of Drummers' Week, Miss Watts will assist Mrs. Gertrude Lee in her shop 120 West Malone Ave.

Because of a mistake in dates the picture "The Jubilo," which was to have been shown Friday night at the Methodist Church, did not arrive until Monday and will be shown on the screen at the Church Tuesday night. Everyone is invited to see it.

Starting next Thursday morning and continuing until Saturday night, Sikeston will entertain the Southeast Missouri Drummers Association and it is expected and hoped that this meeting will be the biggest ever. Sikeston must maintain its reputation as a live town. Give our visitors the glad hand and make them feel at home. The town is to be gaily bedecked in red and green, the colors of the Association. Let all business houses use these colors profusely in their decorations. It is to be a gala occasion. Let's make this meeting one to be remembered for years to come.

AEROCRUISER NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Mrs. Margaret Burgess of Oran is visiting her brother, C. A. Cook at Hotel Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cairns of Cape Girardeau will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dorroh during the Drummers Meeting.

Miss Louise Marvel of Bloomfield is the guest of Miss Honora Bailey. Miss Marvel was home guest at a splash party Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson, who have, for the past two weeks been the guests at the home of their son, Earl Johnson, departed Monday for their home in Marion, Ohio.

C. D. Bray of Cape Girardeau recently purchased the property on Kathleen Avenue known as the Gallian place and will move his family to this city about the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bess, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Cook, Mr. J. L. Tanner, Miss Burnice Tanner and Douglas Reid of St. Louis were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson.

Miss Lela Lett went Monday afternoon for a brief visit with her sister in Cape Girardeau before going to her home in Marquand, Mo. Miss Lett is yet undecided about her plans for the ensuing year.

On account of the Drummers meeting the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. has been postponed from Wednesday, May 26 until Wednesday, June 9th at which time the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. M. Smith Sr.

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AEROCRUISER NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

James E. Smith Sr. and Allen W. Brown of St. Louis, Chief of the mechanical and draughting department of the Aero-Cruiser Corporation of America are in Detroit to let the first contract in the conclusion of the big Aerocruiser. This contract is for the Center Drive Tandem 8 engine, plans for which were drawn under the direction of Mr. Brown.

The first plans drawn were submitted to Harvey E. Brown one of America's foremost designers and builders of machinery for his opinion. Following his suggestions a few slight corrections were made and the plans again submitted for his approval. The following letter is Mr. Brown's verdict of the corrected plans:

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Aerocruiser Corporation of America
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I have examined your final drawings of above and have no hesitation in stating that an engine built to these drawings in even a reasonably proper manner may be expected to give quite unusual results in any service in which it may be used.

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There is no reason in my opinion why this engine should not operate under full load not 40 hours as is usual, but 40 days or even 40 weeks or as long as lubrication, cooling and can be successfully continued.

Yours Faithfully,
(Signed) Harvey E. Brown
Consulting Engineer and Machinist.

Construction of the big ship is to be pushed as rapidly as labor conditions and success in obtaining material will permit. It is hoped the Aerocruiser will be in the air by December 31st. Different parts of the machine will be built in different factories and all assembled at some central point. Contracts for the various parts will follow this first in quick succession.

Miss Lillian Bergman left Monday for her home in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. H. J. Welsh and Miss Helen went Monday afternoon to Cape Girardeau, where Miss Helen played Monday night at a recital by the pupils of Miss Reick.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF SIKESTON HIGH

Thirty young girls and boys, the 1920 Seniors of Sikeston High School, received their diplomas last Thursday evening at the Methodist Church in the presence of a large audience. This class is the largest ever graduated from the Sikeston High School and ranks equally with the best of the school's history. This work has been excellent throughout.

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, delivered an excellent commencement address which was prefaced and followed by several delightful musical numbers, by the Girls Glee Club, Miss Inez Huckleby and Miss Allie Howard. Many of these graduates are settled in their intentions for the future, several of the girls have already secured positions as teachers for the ensuing year, thirteen members of the class are to take up higher studies this fall in college or university.

The diplomas were presented by Supt. Miles C. Thomas.

Before presenting the diplomas, Prof. Thomas gave a short talk on the subject of School Conditions. The following ideas formed the basis of the talk:

The school enumeration of our district has increased during the year from 957 to 1017, the school enrollment has shown a corresponding change from 1010 last year to 1053 for this year. The high school enrolled 177 and the grade school 876. The crowded conditions in grades one and seven caused our Board of Education to add two teachers, making a total of twenty-eight teachers.

Influenza has caused such irregular attendance during the year that the percent of promotions has not been as high as under normal conditions.

Equipment has been added to the Home Economics department, the Science department, and the library. Playground apparatus has been bought for the elementary school. During the last vacation the north building of the elementary school was painted throughout.

The school children of Sikeston are to be congratulated upon the fine spirit which was manifested when the patrons gladly voted the increased levy recommended by the Board of Education. Next year our district will spend about forty-four dollars per pupil enrolled. Even then we shall be handicapped when competing with other states such as California which spends seventy-five dollars per pupil and Montana with eighty.

The past year has been one of unrest in every condition of life. Low salaries and scarcity of teachers have caused a shifting of teachers on a scale formerly unknown. In the loss of some good instructors we are feeling the effect of a nation-wide disturbance. Though our salary schedule is as good as in most schools of this state, with the exception of that offered by cities and suburban towns, the positions open in these larger places are numerous enough to claim some of our teachers, who have al-

ready been offered \$200 to \$300 more than we can pay. However, our situation is far less serious than that in neighboring towns where the percentage of teacher loss is much higher than here.

Mr. Thomas closed his talk with a tribute to the senior class. It has the honor of being the largest in the history of the school, a class of fine spirit and attainment. Lewis Emory Baker, valedictorian, Rosa Moser, and Melvin Bowman were announced as honor graduates.

At the Senior banquet, served after the Commencement exercises in the dining room of the Marshall Hotel, covers were laid for the thirty members of the class, Prof. and Mrs. M. C. Thomas, the High School faculty, and Dr. Holt. The occasion was a most delightful event.

The menu:
Fried Spring Chicken
Olives
Fried Spring Chicken
Brown Gravy
Brown Gravy
Potato Chips
Asparagus Tips
Poinsetta Salad
Strawberries with ice cream
Mints
Iced tea

Music was furnished by Misses Ruth Crowe, Helen Welsh, Helen Kready, Mary Blanton, Addie Dover and Henry Hunter Skilman. Reginald Potashnick, president of the class, acted as toastmaster. The responses by Miss Corinne McGee, Dallas Beauchamp, Lewis Emory Baker, Prof. Miles C. Thomas were excellent. A prophecy by Paul Denmann and talks by Miss Maude Phillips and Dr. Holt were especially good.

The class resolved to meet again, four years from the coming July 4th, for another grand and glorious celebration.

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Ernest Arterburn was a business visitor in Bloomfield Friday.

Mrs. J. N. Sheppard visited Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond A. Moll, near More house.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes accompanied by her small daughter, Betty, and her mother, Mrs. Emily Kerr, left Friday afternoon for an extended visit in Victor, West Liberty and various other points in Iowa.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY BEST FOR WOMEN, SAYS SPEAKER

New York, May 19.—Mrs. Otto Wittmann, member of the Democratic National Executive Committee, represented the Democratic party at the "Victory Conference" of the New Jersey suffrage party, held at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark. In the course of her speech, Mrs. Wittmann said:

"In our form of government parties are still necessary, although they are becoming less so. The experience of the Progressive party shows that a third party is not practical. We must therefore choose between the Republican or Democratic parties. In this we are not relinquishing our independence of choice, which may be expressed in the primaries.

"We are determined to bring our political activities by dropping personalities, for we know that there are good and bad men in both parties. The difference between the parties is more fundamental and permanent than personality. It goes back to the two types of mind, the conservative and the liberal. The Republican party is strong on organization. Organization needs brains, money and a motive for untiring energy and persistent work. We acknowledge that there are more college bred men and women of leisure in the Republican party. We acknowledge that it contains richer individuals and corporations. We recognize that perfect organization needs cash. It seems fair to look for the motive behind the energy and work which have built up and are constantly upholding the Republican party. Why do the richest classes and corporations support the Republican party? It is evident that it is primarily the party of property, although Governor Stokes has just announced by socialistic and communistic that it is danger of being Bryce compromise.

"The Democratic party is a party of agitation, a party of protest, having had its birth in the protest of Thomas Jefferson against the iron rule of the Federalists. The election of Cleveland and Wilson both demonstrate this point. The protests of our party have invariably been, not for material gain, but for the preservation of the human element and of personal rights as against property rights. The Democratic party endeavors to work out the many perplexing problems of government by faith in the growth of the people, learning from their own experiences, faults and blunders.

"The Democratic party does not believe in the government of the many through the brain of a few. It is largely composed of persons who need the protection of the government as

expressed in laws, because of wealth or education. It is primarily a party of the poor, whose poverty exposes them to exploitation.

"The Democratic party is a party of the common people. It does not take a prophet to foresee that the question which in the future will daily become more and more acute are those of the relations between the employer and the worker, those which involve the care and protection of women and children in their work and their health. We claim that the Democratic party understands such problems best because they are a part of the daily life of those who compose it.

"The goal of all suffragists is the same, that the country we love should be a better, safer, cleaner place for our children and for the helpless. Which party is most likely to make this object their chief aim and concern and where can women help most to make these ideals realities?

"We believe that the Democratic party is offering you today the most pliable and the most sympathetic instrument to turn our dreams into realities, and there you may be sure of the warmest welcome."

Lodge in 1918 And Now.

Senator Lodge, leader of the Senate majority now trying to put through the so-called separate peace resolution in the Senate, is the same Senator Lodge who, in an article in The Forum magazine in December, 1918, said it would be a "crime" to negotiate a separate peace. He wrote then:

"The President who delivered the war message and the Congress who voted for war would be guilty of the blackest crime if they were willing to make peace on the status quo ante bellum, and re-create the situation which existed before the war. If we send our armies and our young men abroad to be killed and wounded in Northern France and Flanders with no result but this, our entrance into the war with such an intention was a crime which nothing can justify. The intent of Congress and the intent of the President was that there could be no peace until we could create a situation where no such war as this could recur. We cannot make peace except with our Allies. It would brand us with everlasting dishonor and bring ruin to us also if we undertook to make a separate peace."

There is no stronger argument against the Knox-Porter resolution than Senator Lodge's own.

Stew beef, 10c lb.—Walpole Meat Market.

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The President's Opportunity.

That the House of Representatives will acquiesce in the Knox separate peace resolution may be taken for granted. That President Wilson will veto it may also be taken for granted. No other course is open to him.

The President, however, need not waste much time and attention on the resolution itself. The whole procedure is fantastic and unprecedented and at variance with the Constitution itself. The moral issue that is involved was clearly defined by Senator Lodge himself when he said, in December, 1916, that "it would brand us with everlasting dishonor and bring ruin to us if we undertook to make a separate peace." The fact that Senator Lodge has since joined the elements of dishonor and ruin in order to manufacture a partisan issue against the President does not lessen the impressiveness of his warning.

President Wilson will throw the Knox resolution into the waste basket, where it belongs, but in adopting it and in making it a party policy, the Republicans will have given him an opportunity to restate the case for the treaty which he cannot afford to neglect.

His last word on the subject, his telegram to the Oregon Democrats, is far from satisfactory. In that message the President declared it imperative that the Democratic party should "indorse and support the Versailles treaty and condemn the Lodge reservations as utterly inconsistent with the nation's honor and destructive of the world leadership which it has established, and which all the free peoples of the earth, including the great Powers themselves had shown themselves ready to welcome.

The President's words have been subjected to various interpretations. They have been construed as a demand that the Democratic party stand by the treaty without any reservations whatever and they have been interpreted as expression of unqualified opposition only to the Lodge reservations in their present form. Senator Hitchcock takes the latter view, but that is merely the expression of a personal opinion.

Although the President has repeatedly said that he did not object to reservations that did not weaken the covenant, he has never defined in precise terms the scope of such reservations. He is now in a position to do it.

The Senate has shown that it could not command the necessary two-thirds vote for the treaty with the Lodge reservations and that Senator Lodge himself could not hold his party in line on any resolution of ratification. The Knox separate peace resolution is so plainly a partisan maneuver that it cannot be taken seriously by anybody. It is now time for the President to say what he would regard as acceptable in the way of reservations—in short, to open the way to an honorable compromise, if there is any disposition on the part of the Republican Senators to compromise. If there is not, he should force them to admit it.

He cannot afford to give them the chance to shift upon his shoulders the blame for the complete failure of the party. He must make it plain to the country that he has exhausted all his resources in the attempt to arrive at an agreement which will leave the covenant essentially intact, but which at the same time will satisfy any legitimate demand for reservations that simply clarify the duties and responsibilities of the United States in the League of Nations.—Post-Dispatch.

House Building in China

All lumber for building in China is bought in the log. As soon as the logs begin to arrive the contractor tackles them with the sawyers. These men are paid piece rates which average about three cash or one-tenth of a cent per square foot of surface sawed. They average a better wage than a carpenter, getting about 10 cents a day for the carpenter. At this rate they are cheaper than any steam saw mill that can operate in China. In fact, the only reason a saw mill can operate in China at all is because it can produce quickly and with a more even thickness than the native sawyers. The necessary doors, frames and window sashes are all made by hand. Three Chinese carpenters at 8 cents a day with their native tools can accomplish about the same work done by one American carpenter with all equipment. The work is well done if well supervised. The American carpenter has all his wood surfaced, so the Chinese carpenter is at a disadvantage. In comparison, I should say that about five Chinese carpenters at 8 cents a day each are necessary to do the work of an American carpenter who receives \$6 a day and has all his wood prepared for him.—H. K. Richardson in Asia.

Men's Spring Hats at the right price.—Pinnell Store Co.

Going Bail For Johnson.

Hiram Johnson is the only Republican contender for the presidential nomination who is suspected of a purpose to bolt if conditions at Chicago in June do not prove agreeable to him.

One reason why the Senator is looked upon in this curious way is that he has a record. In 1912 he not only bolted but he accepted a nomination for Vice President from a party which denounced Republicans as "tools of corrupt interests enthroned in invincible government" who had "deliberately betrayed the trust" of the people. Another reason is found in the fact that some of his most ardent supporters, like Senator Borah and William R. Hearst, do not hesitate to suggest some such stratagem in this year of grace.

It will pain Americans who admire independence in politics, therefore, to learn that Mr. Johnson's Eastern managers have announced their willingness to go bail for him. The guarantee is regularity. He is a thick-and-thin party man. The hosts at the national convention may slay him, but he will applaud them with his last breath. He is making all this trouble for the organization because he loves it, and even in the face of ingratitude he will remain true.

This is fine from a partisan point of view, but where does it leave the Senator? If he can convince his fellow Republicans that he is as dependable as Gen. Wood, Senator Harding or Gov. Lowden, he will deprive the managers of their strongest incentive to deal generously with him. A Hiram Johnson who stands without hitching is not greatly to be greatly to be feared by the standpatters, with whom that is a habit.—Post-Dispatch.

The Labor Problems.

We believe that any man who is willing to work has a right to a steady job, fair hours and a living wage. We believe that strikes are not a disease, but a symptom of disease; and we believe that the time to observe and improve the relations between employer and worker is not while strikes are going on, but in the periods between them. We believe that nothing is gained by imagining that radicalism, under any of its names, is the cause of industrial unrest. It is not a cause, but an effect. The recent railroad yard men's strike showed what damage could be done to personal freedom and public safety by a group of workmen who tried to paralyze the railroads of America. We may expect, unless all Americans unite to find and apply the remedy, many other disturbances. The entire public depends on the service, for example, of railroad workers, of miners, of policemen, of mail carriers and of teachers. American democracy was intended to remove classes, not to create them and set them in opposition to each other. To each political party, to every candidate for office, to the men and women who support their candidacies, the labor question now presents itself as one that can no longer be twisted into any shape dictated by party or local expediency.—Colliers.

We Say Amen!

A great and successful farmer who had been farming for seventy years, when asked what was the greatest farming lesson he had learned, replied: "The lesson that good farming pays better than any other business in the world; pays not only in money, but in health and contentment of mind. It is one business in which a man can live the Golden Rule every day, in all his dealings; and the longer he lives the more his satisfaction with it grows; and at the sunset of life he can look back over the years without a single regret, knowing that they have been well spent and that he has contributed his best to the sum of human happiness and lived closest to the Scriptural injunction as to how a man should live."—The Oregon (Illinois) Republican.

Serviceable to Papa.

A Red Cross public health nurse in a southern town has found the latest novelty in names for babies. She was weighing a little black youngster. "What do you call your baby?" she asked the grinning young mother. "Weathah-strips," replied the parent.

"Weather-strips," exclaimed the nurse. "What's the idea, Mandy?"

"We done named her Weathah-strips 'cause she kept her papa outa de draft."—American Red Cross Bulletin.

Miss Margarite Cody, the first woman journalist in the press gallery of the British House of Commons, has many athletic records to her credit. She swims, boxes, rows, plays hockey and tennis, practices ju-jitsu and enjoys flying.

Now is the time to buy a stand of pure lard 25c lb. \$12.50 for 5 gal.—Walpoles Market.

The Origin of Old Customs and Beliefs

When some illustrious person dies, flags are lowered to half-mast. If the average man in the street was interrogated for an explanation he would probably say it was just the usual custom. However, there is a distinct meaning in this, for the space above is left for the flag of the Angel of Death.

Again, a ship is invariably spoken of as of the feminine gender; this is traced to the ancient Greeks, who called all ships feminine names out of respect to Athene, Goddess of the Sea.

Friday is believed to be an unlucky day by those who are superstitious. It is derived from the fact that it was the day of Our Lord's Crucifixion, as well as the one on which Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit.

Few, perhaps, are aware why a weather-cock is frequently attached to a church steeple. This is believed to remind people of Peter's denial of Our Savior.

Journalists are spoken of as "members of the Fourth Estate." Burke is generally credited as being the originator of the phrase, for while addressing Parliament one day he said there were three branches of government, the king, the house of lords, and the house of commons, the Three Estates; but, turning around to the reporters' gallery, he added, "There sits the Fourth Estate, far more important than the others."

The barber's pole has also a curious history. In other times barbers were also surgeons, and practiced the art of phlebotomy, and a pole was given to the patient to hold in his hand in order to let the blood run more freely. The pole should have a line of blue paint, one of red, and one of white, winding round its length, blue representing the blood in the veins, red the blood in the arteries and white the bandages.

"Uncle" adopts his familiar sign of three balls over his shop, because the balls form part of the old Arms of Lombardy, the people there being the first pawnbrokers in existence.

It is common belief that peacock's feathers are unlucky. This is due to the tradition that the bird opened the Gate of Paradise to the serpent.

The nick in a coat has been a puzzler to many. It is said to date back to the time of Napoleon. A general named Moreau had many followers, but they were afraid to openly express sympathy with him. It was therefore agreed to put a nick on their coats as a secret sign. The letter M can be seen in the lapel representing the initial letter of the General's name.

The word "tip" finds its origin in the fact that restaurant keepers used to place a box with a slit in it, with

the words, "To insure promptness, the initials of which spell the now familiar term for gratuity.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Farrel Tablet Arrives.

The Fletcher Farrel memorial tablet in honor of Monroe county soldiers who served in the world war arrived Monday and will be placed on the wall in the vestibule at the court house at once. It is made of white glass with gold lettering, and is 13 feet and 6 inches long and 6 feet and 6 inches wide. It is a beautiful gift, expressing a noble sentiment and characteristic of the man who gave it.

The whole is inclosed in a massive frame and amid beautifully tinted scroll work at the top is the inscription, "Lest we forget those who served in the world war." The names of those who gave up their lives, including Christine Colborne, are in a separate scroll. No county in the nation has a more beautiful memorial.—Paris Mercury.

Get our prices on Men's Shoes before you buy.—Pinnell Store Co.

Jean's Ailment.

Jean, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Santisteban of Columbus was playing in a room where her mother was busy and grew inquisitive. So troublesome did her questions become that finally her mother said:

"Run away and play, Jean, I'm busy as I can be and sick of the bargain." Jean disappeared and was not seen for a few minutes. Then she entered the room again, looking very woe-begone and holding her head in both hands.

"Why, what is the matter, Jean?" asked Mrs. Santisteban.

"I'm sick," replied the tot.

"Where do you feel sick?" asked the mother in alarm.

"Why, I guess I'm sick in the bargain," answered Jean.—Indianapolis News.

Dr. P. M. Malcolm suffered two broken ribs Wednesday of last week, when he fell from the porch at his home, 202 Center Street. Both ribs were broken in two places. The Dr. although able to be up has not been able to attend to his practise.

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When in use of seed corn, peas, soy beans, cane, kaffir, sudan, rape, millet, sunflower, pumpkin, peanuts, broom corn, or any other seeds, see us before you buy.

You should sow some sudan, cane, kaffir and rape for a good quick pasture and good hay.

We have your watermelon seed also. Rocky Ford and Polock No. 25 Cantaloupes.

Garden seed in bulk and packet. The best feeds to be had, consisting of Chick Feed, Hen Feed, Mash, Chops, Corn Meal, Alfalfa Meal, Meat Scraps, etc. Charcoal and Mica Grit.

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IN the fascinating pages of "Edison and Music" you will learn the characteristics of the exquisite styles developed by the Old Masters in England, France and Italy.

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The Lair Company
Sikeston, Missouri



WHY THE PREACHER IS "MEAT" FOR "CON" MEN

Members of His Flock Are Prone to Follow His Leadership in Financial Investments.

"Sell some to a preacher first." Just why this should be heavily underscored as one of the most important steps in the campaign of the young stock salesman, known a generation or so ago as a "green goods man," will not be immediately apparent to the uninitiated.

Is not the minister one of the most poorly paid of our quasi-public servants? Has he not, therefore, but little money to invest?

"Quite so," would say the handbook on "How to Get Rich on Phony Stock," were not this line of instruction always dispensed verbally instead of by printed page.

"Quite so. The preacher gets a little pay, and has still less to invest. Nevertheless, sell him some, even if only a few shares."

"But why, Oh Wise Instructor, should I waste time selling these few shares when I might be selling many?" "Because forsooth, Oh Earnest Pupil, you will sell many a big lot by being able to tell people that their preacher has bought a few."

"But why should people care what stock their preacher has bought? His studies are all of the spiritual, his activities in promoting the moral. Why should anyone imagine that his minister is judge of an investment?"

"They should not, but they do, Oh Pupil. Tell a man to ask his garage man what is the matter with his car and he will do so after he has made it worse by his own tinkering. Tell a man to get a plumber to fix his drains, and he will do so."

Tell a man to ask a banker whether a stock is sound, and he will not; no, not even after he has been many times stung. But tell him that his preacher has bought your stock and he will do likewise."

That this old, old formula of the "green goods man," the "confidence man," and the "phony stock salesman" is still producing satisfactory results is apparent from the recent appearance in a religious organ of the alleged experience of a minister who acquired himself an automobile and a comfortable capital reserve by "stock investments."

One single line in the alleged experience of the minister noted was enough to exhibit the cloven hoof. "I could not even make payments on the Liberty Bonds for which I subscribed." This is the most overworked part of the vocabulary of the worthless stock specialist. "Don't buy Liberty Bonds," he says. "They pay you only 4 1/4 per cent. My securities will pay you 500 per cent." The only difference between this statement and the facts being that the Liberty Bonds will return you exactly 100 cents of value when the time comes for the government to redeem them, while the promoter's offerings most likely will represent 100 per cent loss long before that time.

For the minister, as for the professional man in other lines and the business man whose own organization requires all his time to supervise, there is but one investment which does not demand extensive investigation before purchase.

This is the government bond, whose security is undoubted, whose interest

return is certain, and which can always be converted instantly into cash.

PARTIAL PAYMENT PLAN Works Well in Buying United States Treasury Savings Certificates.

The partial payment plan of buying Treasury Savings Certificates in St. Louis is catching on quickly. A few days ago J. H. Anderson, director of the Metropolitan Department, attended a noonday meeting of the employees of the D'Arcy Advertising Company, and made a brief talk. Seven of the employees subscribed for bonds, totaling \$900.

They agreed to pay \$5 per month on the certificates, the seven clerks buying through five different banks.

The contract is that they pay the amount the certificates are worth on the month of final payment, at which time the bank will turn over the certificate and open a savings account in the bank with a credit of one dollar.

WILTON'S GOOD RECORD.

New Hampshire Town Makes Big Showing in Government Securities.

Wilton, New Hampshire, has hung up a record for community Thrift in the last seven months which sets a mark for every larger town and city in the United States to work for. Wilton has 1,490 inhabitants, but the postmaster of the town has sold government savings certificates in excess of \$8,000, maturity value, in that time. The men, women and children placed \$2,945.83 of their money in War Savings Stamps and \$7,772.83 in Treasury Savings Certificates. This is an average of \$1.98 for each inhabitant in W. S. S. and \$3.24 in Treasury Savings Certificates, or a grand average of \$5.22 per capita. The inhabitants of the town expect to continue that ratio of investment throughout this year.

Some men still wait for their sailing ship to come in; others prepare, by steady saving and safe investment in Government Savings Securities, a steamship which will get back on time.

For Her Benefit.

Dick and Jimmy were visiting their grandmother. One night when they were saying their prayers Jimmy voiced his petitions for Christmas presents in a tone that could be heard a mile.

"Why do you pray for your Christmas present so loud?" interrupted Dick. "The Lord ain't deaf."

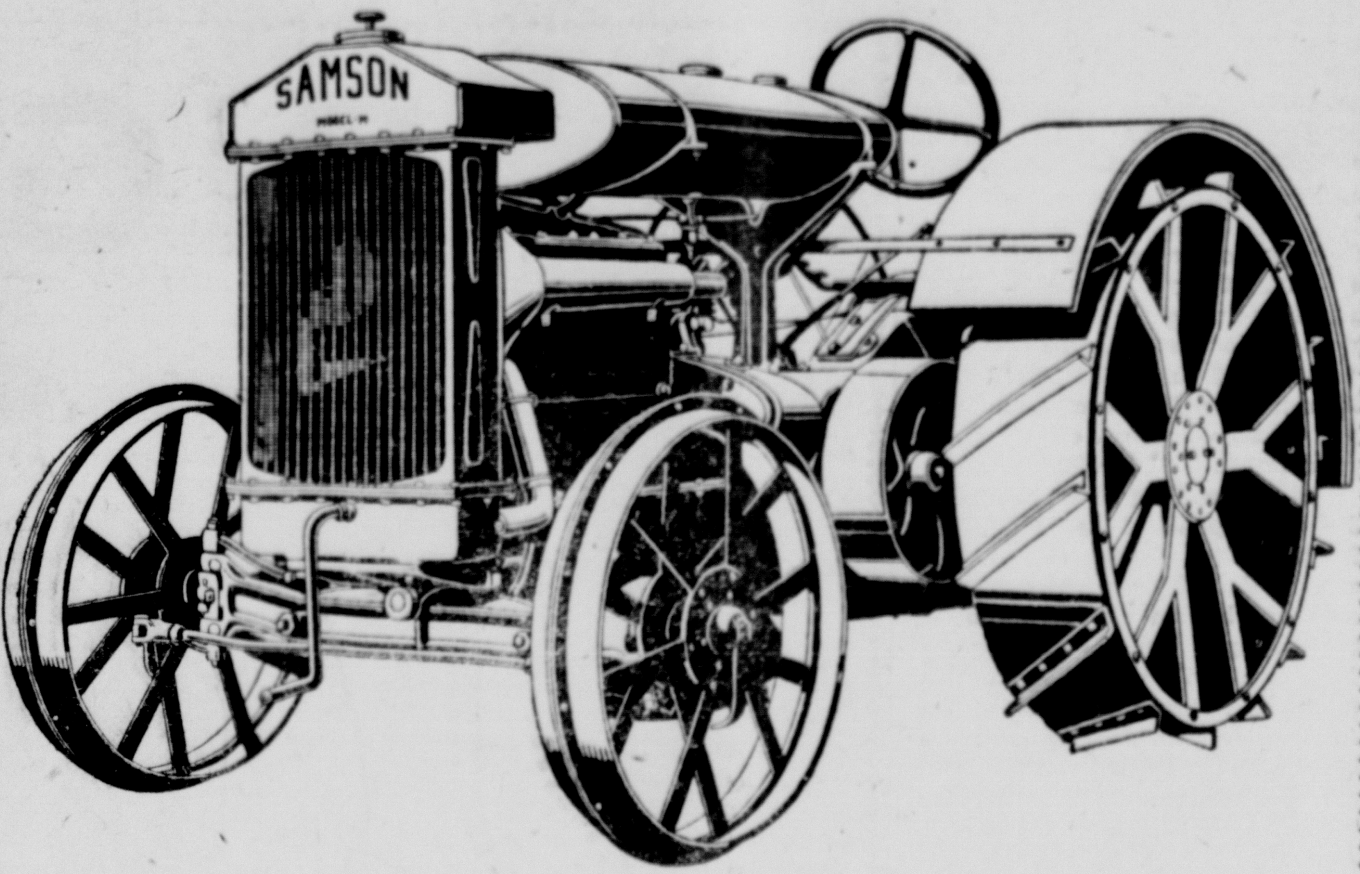
"No", whispered Jimmy, "but grandmother is."—Ex.

The first issue of "The Torch," the successor to "The Menace," has appeared. The plant of "The Menace" at Aurora burned last year. The affairs of the company are still involved in litigation in the higher courts. Only 25,000 copies of the paper was printed, while formerly "The Menace" had a circulation of one-half million copies. The paper recently has been excluded from the mails in Canada.—Howell County Gazette.

A colored citizen was up before his honor on complaint of his wife for some domestic trouble.

Judge: "Who married you?"

Colored Citizen: "You did, sah, and I ain't never voted fur you, sence."



SAMSON MODEL "M" TRACTOR

A maximum of horse power for the actual work instead of for moving the weight of the tractor itself—that is what the Samson Model "M" Tractor affords.

It is built like a high-powered automobile—light and strong, with the weight evenly distributed for balance, sure traction and economy of operation.

It has a close-coupled power unit all by itself from radiator to rear wheels, and every working part is enclosed and protected against dust, mud or rain.

Complete with platform, fenders, governor, power take-off, brackets for canopy top and regular cleats.

Taylor Implement & Auto Co.

Sikeston, Missouri

State and National Business News

A special election in St. Louis on a bond issue providing a total of \$24,000,000.00 for 18 projected improvements resulted in the carrying of only five proposals, providing \$3,725,000.00.

The State Board of Agriculture predicts that the yield of wheat in Missouri will be less this year than half the yield last year, due to decreased acreage and unfavorable conditions.

The Howell County Court has rejected three bids for the construction of a 50-mile road project because the lowest bid was nine per cent higher than the engineer's estimate. Prices asked ranged from \$62,000.00 to \$68,100.00.

A proposition made to Mountain Grove for the construction of a dehydrating plant for drying fruits and vegetables was turned down because it required the financing of a \$150,000.00 stock company by the citizens of the town.

An Open Shop Association has been formed by 250 business firms of Joplin, for the purpose of improving labor conditions and preventing strikes, lockouts, boycotts and other labor troubles. The plan is to pay fair wages and provide good working conditions, but to refuse to deal with union business agents and strike agitators.

In Kansas City the high cost of union business agents is being complained of by some of the most aggressive union workers. Following the granting of increased wages in all the building crafts on May 1st, it developed that business agents are being allowed liberal toll on the increase. The business agent for the building laborers has been granted a weekly salary of \$50.00, with a motor car and its upkeep supplied free. The hoisting engineers' business agent, with car and upkeep also supplied, is to have \$65.00 a week, while the agent of the Building Trades Council is to get his car and \$75 a week.

A factory to manufacture molasses feed will be established at Rich Hill by a local company. A building formerly occupied by a smelter has been purchased to be used as a factory. An addition to the power plant of

the St. Joseph Lead Company of Bonne Terre is being constructed. It will increase the output from 6,000 K. W. H. to 11,000. The power plant is located at Rivermines.

A sorghum manufacturing company has been organized at West Plains and is making contracts with farmers for a large supply of cane.

Business men of Quincy, Ill., are advertising in the newspapers that they have determined to operate on the Open Shop plan. The advertisement is signed by 208 firms. The Open Shop plan also has been adopted by the Operative Builders' Association of Philadelphia and the business men of York, Pa. The Open Shop movement is spreading rapidly.

Detailed reports received by the Associated Industries of Missouri indicate that there is a shortage of farm labor in Missouri amounting to probably 30,000 men. In many cases farm

ers needing help have found themselves unable to pay the high wages demanded by farm hands and have decided to cut their acreage of cultivated crops. They are also making use of improved machinery as much as possible. The indications, however, are that unless additional labor is obtained there will be a reduction in the food supply and the cost of living will go still higher. The situation could be helped by a continuation of the war policy of back yard gardens. Help also would be afforded if the college and high school students and professional men would spend their vacations working on farms. School teachers who need more money also might find it profitable to spend the summer months in agricultural labor.

Severe Disease in Newton County D. F. Luckey, State Veterinarian was hastily summoned to Newton County where an outbreak of glanders occurred among several horses. The animals were killed. The disease is fatal to both animals and people. This was the first outbreak of glanders in the State in more than two years.

Nice Gingham and Percale Dresses.—Pinnell Store Co.

Sile Sims says he had not bought an article of any kind in five years that did not have some kind of a guarantee and if he has had a thing during that time that was worth a dam, he cannot recall it.—Hogville News.

It has been decided by a unanimous vote that the Musical Revue at the Liberty Theater Wednesday evening of last week was the best evening's entertainment Morley has ever had. The black face sketch brought forth so many laughs that the dialogue could scarcely be heard at times. The chorus girls were as good as any to be seen in the city shows. The female impersonators made the hit of the evening, as it is seldom one has the chance to see local men do stunts of this nature. Miss Stubbs with her wonderful voice was greeted with storms of applause. The applause which Miss Grove received after her very mastery handling of her violin testified to the fact that Morley people delight in the rendition of exquisite music.—Morley Banner.



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Program S. E. Mo. Drummers Association

THURSDAY, MAY 27

9:00 A. M. to 12 A. M.—Opening of Headquarters and Bureau of Information at Southeast Missouri Farm Bureau office.

12:00 Noon—Luncheon

1:00 to 3:00 P. M.—Grand Reunion

2:15 P. M.—Arrival of Poepping's Famous American Band and delegations.

3:30 P. M.—Address of Welcome at Band Stand, Malone's Park, by Hon. C. C. White, Mayor of Sikeston, and Response by M. K. Gillespie, President Southeast Missouri Drummers' Association.

Further addresses by L. M. Stallcup, President Sikeston Chamber of Commerce, Green B. Greer, former President Sikeston Chamber of Commerce, R. E. Bailey, City Attorney.

4:30 to 6:00 P. M.—Reception to visiting ladies by Woman's Club at residence of Mrs. Milton Haas.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner

8:00 P. M.—Concert extraordinaire at Malone's Theater by Poepping's American Band, assisted by Miss Hazel Stubbs (dramatic soprano), Dr. Geo. L. Tonelli (tenor), and the Famous Moran "Kiddies."

Program For Concert

1. March—"The American Red Cross".....Panella
2. Overture—"Broken Idol".....Van Alstyne
3. Soprano Solo—"Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star".....Wagner Miss Stubbs
4. Morceau de Concert—"Salut d'Amour".....Elgar
5. Tenor Solo—"Non e Ver".....Mattei Dr. Tonelli
6. Melodies from "The Lady of the Slipper".....Herbert
7. Singing and Dancing de Luxe—Miss Lucille Moran and Kiddies
8. Finale from "The Chocolate Soldier" (request).....Strauss

At the conclusion of which the audience will please rise and sing one verse of the "Star Spangled Banner."

9:45 P. M.—Boxing Exhibition

10:30 P. M.—Informal dance, music by Poepping's Jazz Orchestra.

1:00 A. M.—Taps.

FRIDAY, MAY 28th

5:00 A. M.—Reveille

6:30 A. M.—Breakfast

9:00 A. M.—Band Concert, Malone's Park, by Poepping's Band.

10:30 A. M.—Aeroplane flights by Ex-Lieut. C. J. Faulkner and Leonard McMullin. All stunts known in aviation will be demonstrated.

12:00 Noon—Luncheon

1:30 P. M.—Grand Parade, Southeast Missouri Drummers, children of Sikeston and automobiles.

2:30 P. M.—Athletic events, Malone's Park. Valuable prizes for the winners.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner

7:30 P. M.—Band Concert by Poepping's Band

9:15 P. M.—Grand Informal Ball at City Hall. Music by Poepping's Orchestra.

1:00 A. M.—Taps.

SATURDAY, MAY 27th

6:00 A. M.—Reveille

7:00 A. M.—Breakfast

9:00 A. M.—Business meeting at Malone's Theater.

12:00 Noon—Luncheon

1:30 to 5:00 P. M.—Au Revoir.

MALONE THEATRE

Wednesday, Eve, May 26

THOMAS H. INCH PRESENTS

Dorothy Dalton

IN

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A Paramount Picture

She Could Sell Snowballs in Sitka—

But she couldn't sell her sweetheart the idea that she didn't want to share his attentions with some "Broadway Jane", until she—! Well, the fur flew and then SWEETHEART CAME MARCHING HOME.

A story of a saleswoman who stacked up against the best men on the road and won easily, but found it hard to win out with her own best pal.

2-Reel Mack Sennett Comedy

"The Little Widow"

Admission 17c and 28c

Notice: Commencing Friday, June 4th, our Friday and Saturday night prices change to 11c and 22c.

Willie, age three, while watching mamma giving his little sister her morning bath, noticed a birth mark on sister's little neck and exclaimed: "Mamma, God forgot to take off the price mark."

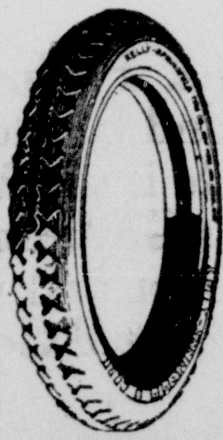
Ladies and Children's Oxfords and Pumps.—Pinnell Store Company. A deep-blue colored sky, even when seen through clouds, indicates fair weather, while a growing whiteness indicates an approaching rain.

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NEW MADRID, MO.

Well-Bred Hogs Make Gains Rapidly

That blood will tell in hog feeding has been established to the satisfaction of W. H. Harper, Mississippi County, Under the direction of W. H. Rusk of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. Mr. Harper has been conducting a hog feeding experiment to determine the results of feeding various grades of hogs. He used three lots: One of scrubs, one of half breeding, and one of pure breeding. The experiment, after running about seventy days, showed striking results. The lot of pure-breds weighed about three hundred pounds, the halfbred lot about two hundred and thirty five pounds, and the scrubs about one hundred and sixty pounds. These lots had all had the same care and treatment. Another experiment will be begun soon and records kept to furnish definite information.

Miss Marjorie Smith returned Sunday from an extended visit in Kansas City and St. Louis.

Miss Jane Wells departed Saturday for her home in Marble Hill. Miss Wells expected to teach next year in the West.

Miss Dolores O'Bryan, daughter of Mrs. Dixie O'Bryan, was married recently in Roy, New Mexico, to Earl McMinimy, a prominent business man of that city. Miss O'Bryan is a Charleston girl, who served overseas as a Red Cross nurse, she has visited frequently in this city. Mr. McMinimy is a former service man and the marriage is the culmination of a romance that began in Sunny France.

W. C. Bowman made a business trip to Dexter Monday.

Mrs. Anna Puls of Jackson arrived Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hope.

Mrs. Paul Anderson arrived Sunday to join Mr. Anderson, who is employed in the Peoples Bank.

D. A. Mocabee and son, Allen of Morehouse visited Sunday at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Earl Malone.

Mrs. Robert Barnett and family left Monday morning for Princeton, Ky., where they will make their future home.

Miss Ruth Horning, teacher of Commercial work at Sikeston High School, left Saturday for her home in Palestine, Ill.

Miss Elsie Proffer came in from Poplar Bluff Saturday afternoon for a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Proffer.

Tom Murty, operator at the Iron Mountain Station, and Mrs. Murty left Monday for a 30-day vacation. They expect to visit in Neelys, Mo. St. Louis, Detroit and a number of points in Kansas.

FOR SALE—Four room house, 2 lots, outbuildings, etc., on Matthews Ave. Apply to 319 N. Prairie.

Wanted—Men for work at sawmill near Matthews, \$3.50 per day and up. Apply C. F. Bruton, Sikeston, Mo., or W. H. Marr, Matthews.

Lost—Red cow wearing small bell, has keen horns, a small white streak on left hind leg. Marked with under half crop in both ears. Last seen at Doc Moore's place. \$5.00 reward. W. H. Marr, Matthews, Mo.

MISSOURI AMONG STATES SUFFERING HEAVY IN WAR

St. Louis, May 21.—Men from Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, comprising District No. 9 of the United States Public Health Service, suffered 10 per cent of the 200,000 casualties in the army section of the A. E. F., and including the men of the Marine Corps and navy from this district there were about 35,000 casualties during the war among men of these four states. This was the statement of Major L. H. Bahrenberg before the members' conference luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday at the American Annex.

Maj. Bahrenberg is in charge of the two hospitals of the Public Health Service in St. Louis. He advocated making this city the chief hospital center of his service in this district by building a large modern hospital, doing away with the old Marine Hospital and returning the one at 5800 Arsenal street to the city for its original purpose as an infirmary. There are 30 admissions a day to the two hospitals, he said, and the one on Arsenal street has an average of 475 patients.

He said St. Louis would make as good a place as any in several Western states for a tuberculosis hospital for most cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Story of Bragg City are visiting Mrs. Story's mother, Mrs. Martha Fisher.

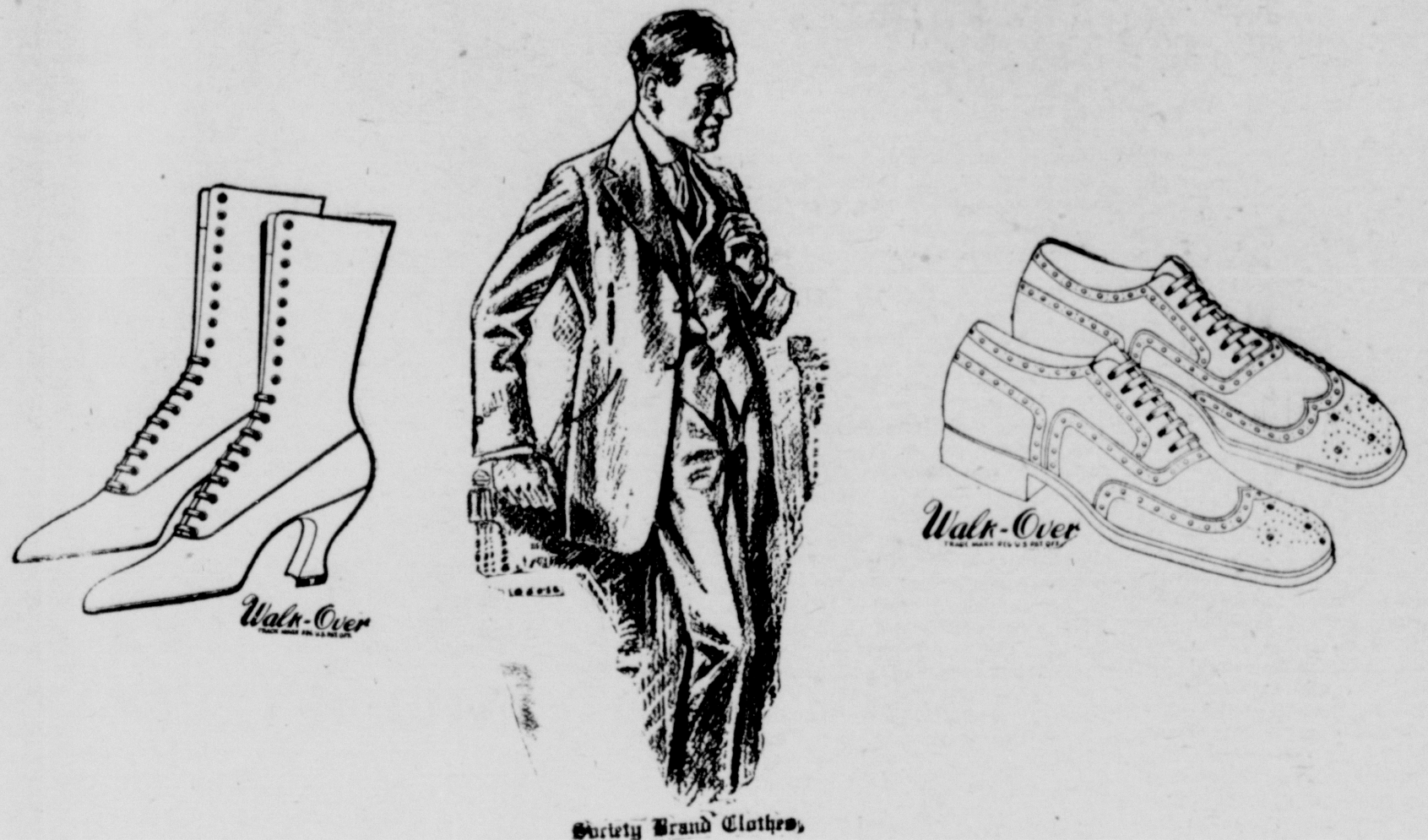
Miss Virgie Barnett, who attended Sikeston High School this year, returned Monday to her home in Princeton, Kentucky.

Sam Phillips of Blytheville, Ark., is in this city for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Kimes, and sister, Mrs. Mary Ellsworth.

Mrs. Bettie Matthews and Miss Marie DeGuire returned Monday from a short visit in Poplar Bluff. Two of Mrs. Matthews' small grandchildren accompanied them home.

Dr. A. H. Barnes was in Benton Friday night to assist in the organization of a Wesley Bible Class. The Sikeston Orchestra furnished the musical part of the evening's program.

Guy Carter was in Cairo to see Mrs. Carter, who is a patient at St. Mary's Infirmary. He reports her condition so very much improved that it is probable she may be brought home the first of next week.

DECORATE FOR THE DRUMMERS CONVENTION! DO IT NOW!!**A BIG SALE**

In our great Stock Equalization Sale every day has been a big one. Saturday was bigger than the first day. This will be a bigger week than the past one. We are giving just what we say. Read one of our big bills and come prepared to buy. Remember what we tell you; close of season prices will not approach what we are offering right now.

Buckner Ragsdale Store Co.

Leading Men's Store of Sikeston

POLITICAL SPEAKING**HON. FRANK H. FARRIS**

Candidate for Governor of Missouri on Democratic ticket will address the voters of Scott County on following dates

At Morley, Friday, May 28, 1:30 p. m.

At Benton, Friday, May 28, 3:30 p. m.

At Oran, Friday, May 28, 7:30 p. m.

At Sikeston, Saturday, May 29, 2:30 and 7:30

Mr. Farris is a citizen of Rolla, Phelps County, Mo., has ably served in the Legislature and Senate, and is one of the best speakers in the State. He is seeking the nomination on the Democratic ticket for Governor and will tell you in his speeches what he stands for and what he hopes to accomplish if nominated and elected Governor of Missouri

Important Notice To The Public

Due to the increased cost of flour, sugar, labor and all other materials that are used in the baking industry, we are forced to make a small increase in prices on our different products, effective Monday, May 24, 1920

This Is Our Reason

| Prices We Paid a Year Ago | Prices We Pay Today |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| White Flour, per barrel.....\$10.00 | White Flour, per barrel.....\$15.00 |
| Rye Flour, per barrel..... 9.00 | Rye Flour, per barrel..... 12.50 |
| Sugar, per 100 lbs..... 8.00 | Sugar, per 100 lbs..... 32.00 |
| Lard, per 100 lbs..... 17.50 | Lard, per 100 lbs..... 24.00 |
| Wrapping paper, per 100 lbs.... 9.50 | Wrapping paper, per 100 lbs.... 26.00 |
| Eggs, per dozen..... .35 | Eggs, per dozen..... .40 |

The New Retail Prices

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| Bread, large size loaf.....15c | Rolls, per dozen.....20c |
| Bread, small size loaf.....11c | Doughnuts, per dozen.....25c |
| Coffee Cakes, each.....10c | |

Price of cakes will be according to fluctuating ingredients used in their baking.

Schorle Bros. Baking Co.

Sikeston, Missouri

HOW WOULD THIS SUIT SIKESTONIANS

The formation of a Southeast Missouri track meet association, composed of representatives of all eligible high schools in this district, similar to the football organization, is proposed by the sportsmen of this city, following the general dissatisfaction of the way in which the recent Southeast Missouri meet at Cape Girardeau was handled. Whether the organization as advocated will be formed rests largely with the attitude which other schools in the district take, but it is believed that Sikeston, Dexter, Poplar Bluff, Caruthersville, Kennett and other cities can be counted on such an organization.

The plan as presented has the approval of local business men, and embodies the proposal, following the formation of an organization, that the meets of the association would be divided up, being held one year in Charleston, the next in Sikeston and so on, instead of being held in one place each year, as at present.

There is absolutely no reason why the high schools of Southeast Missouri should continue to put up with the manner in which Cape Girardeau is handling the Southeast Missouri meet, one prominent local business man told the Enterprise-Courier, in discussing the proposed track league. "The meets have been held there for years, but in spite of this fact, the Normal authorities, under whose auspices the meet have occurred, have made no efforts to improve their track facilities, not even providing a cinder track for the events. The Cape Girardeau business men, it seems to me, are also due for criticism, as I dare say that no one store in the city closed up on account of the meet, and the city of Cape Girardeau, outside of the school pupils, did not have a dozen representatives on the grounds.

"Charleston, Sikeston and other towns which participate in the track meet send dozens of representatives to the Cape each year, spending hundreds of dollars with the hotels and business houses, and if this fact is appreciated by the Cape Girardeau people, they have thus far failed to show it in any substantial manner.

"I would favor the formation of a track meet association of our own, with a meet one year in this city, the next year perhaps in Sikeston the next in Poplar Bluff and so on so that each town would be enabled to enjoy some of the business incidents to the meet. Speaking for the merchants of Charleston, I am certain that I can guarantee that every business house in this city would close up the day that meet is held here, and that the people of the city will turn out en masse to attend the event, according to a much better patronage than has ever been given the Cape Girardeau meet by the people of that city."

It is understood that H. L. Jones, city superintendent of schools, is planning to take the question of an organization such as is proposed up with other city superintendents in the district, and if they approve of the proposal, the organization of a track meet league would be perfected this

spring, or as soon as the schools reconvene in the fall.—Charleston Enterprise-Courier.

1,400,000 FRECHMEN KILLED, 800,000 MAINED IN WAR

Paris, May 20.—What is perhaps the first concise and comprehensive statement of France's war losses has just been made by Capt. Andre Tardieu, former French High Commissioner in the United States, in describing what he calls the "balance sheet" of France. Tardieu states that during the five years of the war 8,000,000 men were mobilized, of whom 1,400,000 were killed, 800,000 maimed and 300,000 wounded. France lost 57 per cent of her men under 32 years of age.

Incident That Suggests Much

Nobody in St. Louis exclaimed "Hayseed" when a Missouri farmer dropped in here by airplane last week, making a flight of 160 miles at the rate of 2 miles a minute. "Old Dobbin" has been modernized beyond the dreams of speed-record breakers. People who are extra particular about eggs have a prospect of getting them from afar while then hens are cackling over their latest production. But numerous points of interest are connected with this unexpected occurrence. The flying farmer lives in Scott County, in Southeast Missouri, sometimes in former years quaintly called Swampeast Missouri on account of its large area of wet lands. But when drained this land is wonderfully fertile without calling for other fertilizers than those so bountifully and conveniently stored up by nature. Southeast Missouri has become famous for its liberal and successful drainage enterprises. Let its farmers fly high. They have given the world a most valuable hint in agriculture, and now another in aviation.

Along the Mississippi and its ten thousand miles of navigable tributaries are millions of acres of wet lands. The opportunities are vast for profitable farming. No isolation will exist on these farms. They can count on airplanes as well as automobiles, with steamboats at hand for bulky freight. Do the railroads realize that new competitors are springing up?—Globe Democrat.

Nice new patterns in Men's Ties.—Pinnell Store Co.

Mrs. C. J. Skaggs of Pekin, Ill., returned home Friday after a week's visit in this city with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Cunningham and family.

State Sunday School Conventions this year are under a new plan. This to be the first time three conventions are to be held in different parts of the State. Under the old plan one convention covering the whole State was held in one place. One of the conventions this year will be held in Cape Girardeau, May 31-June 2, one in Aurora and one in Hannibal. This is the first time such a convention has been held in this part of the State and it is expected that there will be about 1000 delegates in attendance, representing Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian, Centenary Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, Evangelical, Lutheran, Episcopal, Maple Avenue Methodist Sunday Schools.

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74607—Song Without Words—Mischa Elmon—(Cradle Song) (Mendelssohn) 12 in. \$1.50

74608—Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark—Amelita Galli Curci—(Shakespeare-Bishop) in English 12 in. \$1.50

64861—Fond Recollections—Hans Kinder (Pepper) 10 in. \$1.00



THE VICTOR SHOP

DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST
SIKESTON, MO.

JUNIOR RECITAL ON WEDNESDAY AT 3:15

Wednesday afternoon, May 26, at 3:15 the junior pupils of Miss Ruth Crowe will be heard in recital, at the Methodist Church. No admission will be charged and a most cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

Following is the programme for the afternoon:

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| Fairy Carnival..... | Ione Johnson |
| March of the Winds..... | Read Clara Randolph |
| Pretty Butterfly..... | Finh Kathleen Bowman |
| See Saw Waltz..... | Kelley Lyman Fox |
| Paper Chain Waltz..... | Lynes Virginia Freeman |
| Fairy Polka..... | Cramer Elizabeth Welch |
| Spring Song..... | Cutler Herschel Tyler |
| Thrush Mazurka..... | Keathley Edna Greer |
| Floating Zephyrs..... | Engleman Ruth Allard |
| Slumber Song..... | Irene Cox |
| Fairy Dreams..... | Grady Fannie Becker |
| To a Toy Soldier..... | Warner Evelyn Smith |
| Alice! Where Art Thou..... | Ascher Hilma Black |
| Nadia..... | Wachs Clara Lindley |
| Duet—Antelope Hunt..... | Calvin Helen Keady, Kathryn Jweil |

Dr. G. W. Grinstead of Cairo has been elected president of the Illinois State Medical Association.

Miss Mary Watts of West Plains arrived Friday for a visit with her sister, Miss Jennie Watts. During the rush of Drummers' Week, Miss Watts will assist Mrs. Gertrude Lee in her shop 120 West Malone Ave.

Because of a mistake in dates the picture "The Jubilo," which was to have been shown Friday night at the Methodist Church, did not arrive until Monday and will be shown on the screen at the Church Tuesday night. Everyone is invited to see it.

Starting next Thursday morning and continuing until Saturday night, Sikeston will entertain the Southeast Missouri Drummers Association and it is expected and hoped that this meeting will be the biggest ever. Sikeston must maintain its reputation as a live town. Give our visitors the glad hand and make them feel at home. The town is to be gaily bedecked in red and green, the colors of the Association. Let all business houses use these colors profusely in their decorations. It is to be a gala occasion. Let's make this meeting one to be remembered for years to come.

Mrs. Margaret Burgess of Oran is visiting her brother, C. A. Cook at Hotel Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cairns of Cape Girardeau will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dorroh during the Drummers Meeting.

Miss Louise Marvel of Bloomfield is the guest of Miss Honora Bailey. Miss Marvel was home guest at a splash party Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson, who have, for the past two weeks been the guests at the home of their son, Earl Johnson, departed Monday for their home in Marion, Ohio.

C. D. Bray of Cape Girardeau recently purchased the property on Kathleen Avenue known as the Gallian place and will move his family to this city about the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bess, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Cook, Mr. J. L. Tanner, Miss Burnice Tanner and Douglas Reid of St. Louis were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Randol Wilson.

Miss Lela Lett went Monday afternoon for a brief visit with her sister in Cape Girardeau before going to her home in Marquand, Mo. Miss Lett is yet undecided about her plans for the ensuing year.

On account of the Drummers meeting the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. has been postponed from Wednesday, May 26 until Wednesday, June 9th at which time the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. M. Smith Sr.

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AEROCRUISER NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

James E. Smith Sr. and Allen W. Brown of St. Louis, Chief of the mechanical and draughting department of the Aero-Cruiser Corporation of America are in Detroit to let the first contract in the conclusion of the big Aerocruiser. This contract is for the Center Drive Tandem 8 engine, plans for which were drawn under the direction of Mr. Brown.

The first plans drawn were submitted to Harvey E. Brown one of America's foremost designers and builders of machinery for his opinion. Following his suggestions a few slight corrections were made and the plans again submitted for his approval. The following letter is Mr. Brown's verdict of the corrected plans:

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Aerocruiser Corporation of America
Railway Exchange Building,
St. Louis, Mo.
Centre Drive Tandem 8 Engine

Dear Sir:

I have examined your final drawings of above and have no hesitation in stating that an engine built to these drawings in even a reasonably proper manner may be expected to give quite unusual results in any service in which it may be used.

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There is no reason in my opinion why this engine should not operate under full load not 40 hours as is usual, but 40 days or even 40 weeks or as long as lubrication, cooling and can be successfully continued.

Yours Faithfully,
(Signed) Harvey E. Brown
Consulting Engineer and Machinist.

Construction of the big ship is to be pushed as rapidly as labor conditions and success in obtaining material will permit. It is hoped the Aerocruiser will be in the air by December 31st. Different parts of the machine will be built in different factories and all assembled at some central point. Contracts for the various parts will follow this first in quick succession.

Miss Lillian Bergman left Monday for her home in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. H. J. Welsh and Miss Helen went Monday afternoon to Cape Girardeau, where Miss Helen played Monday night at a recital by the pupils of Miss Reick.

CLOSING EXERCIZES OF SIKESTON HIGH

Thirty young girls and boys, the 1920 Seniors of Sikeston High School, received their diplomas last Thursday evening at the Methodist Church in the presence of a large audience. This class is the largest ever graduated from the Sikeston High School and ranks equally with the best of the school's history. This work has been excellent throughout.

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, delivered an excellent commencement address which was prefaced and followed by several delightful musical numbers, by the Girls Glee Club, Miss Inez Huckleby and Miss Allie Howard. Many of these graduates are settled in their intnetions for the future, several of the girls have already secured positions as teachers for the ensuing year, thirteen members of the class are to take up higher studies this fall in college or university.

The diplomas were presented by Supt. Miles C. Thomas.

Before presenting the diplomas, Prof. Thomas gave a short talk on the subject of School Conditions. The following ideas formed the basis of the talk:

The school enumeration of our district has increased during the year from 957 to 1017, the school enrollment has shown a corresponding change from 1010 last year to 1053 for this year. The high school enrolled 177 and the grade school 876. The crowded conditions in grades one and seven caused our Board of Education to add two teachers, making a total of twenty-eight teachers.

Influenza has caused such irregular attendance during the year that the percent of promotions has not been as high as under normal conditions.

Equipment has been added to the Home Economics department, the Science department, and the library. Playground apparatus has been bot for the elementary school. During the last vacation the north building of the elementary school was painted throughout.

The school children of Sikeston are to be congratulated upon the fine spirit which was manifested when the patrons gladly voted the increased levy recommended by the Board of Education. Next year our district will spend about forty-four dollars per pupil enrolled. Even then we shall be handicapped when competing with other states such as California which spends seventy-five dollars per pupil and Montana with eighty.

The past year has been one of unrest in every condition of life. Low salaries and scarcity of teachers have caused a shifting of teachers on a scale formerly unknown. In the loss of some good instructors we are feeling the effect of a nation-wide disturbance. Though our salary schedule is as good as in most schools of this state, with the exception of that offered by cities and suburban towns, the positions open in these larger places are numerous enough to claim some of our teachers, who have al-

ready been offered \$200 to \$300 more than we can pay. However, our situation is far less serious than that in neighboring towns where the percentage of teacher loss is much higher than here.

Mr. Thomas closed his talk with a tribute to the senior class. It has the honor of being the largest in the history of the school, a class of fine spirit and attainment. Lewis Emory Baker, valedictorian, Rosa Moser, and Melvin Bowman were announced as honor graduates.

At the Senior banquet, served after the Commencement exercises in the dining room of the Marshall Hotel, covers were laid for the thirty members of the class, Prof. and Mrs. M. C. Thomas, the High School faculty, and Dr. Holt. The occasion was a most delightful event.

The menu:
Fried Spring Chicken
Olives
Fride Spring Chicken
Brown Gravey
Brown Gravy
Potato Chips
Asparagus Tips
Poinsetta Salad
Strawberries with ice cream
Mints
Iced tea

Music was furnished by Misses Ruth Crowe, Helen Welsh, Helen Keady, Mary Blanton, Addie Dover and Henry Hunter Skilman. Reginald Potashnick, president of the class, acted as toastmaster. The responses by Miss Corinne McGee, Dallas Beauchamp, Lewis Emory Baker, Prof. Miles C. Thomas were excellent. A prophecy by Paul Denmann and talks by Miss Maude Phillips and Dr. Holt were especially good.

The class resolved to meet again, four years from the coming July 4th, for another grand and glorious celebration.

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Ernest Arterburn was a business visitor in Bloomfield Friday.

Mrs. J. N. Sheppard visited Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond A. Moll, near More house.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes accompanied by her small daughter, Betty, and her mother, Mrs. Emily Kerr, left Friday afternoon for an extended visit in Victor, West Liberty and various other points in Iowa.

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY BEST FOR WOMEN, SAYS SPEAKER

New York, May 19.—Mrs. Otto Wittmann, member of the Democratic National Executive Committee, represented the Democratic party at the "Victory Conference" of the New Jersey suffrage party, held in the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark. In the course of her speech, Mrs. Wittmann said:

"In our form of government parties are still necessary, although they are becoming less so. The experience of the Progressive party shows that a third party is not practical. We must therefore choose between the Republican or Democratic parties. In this we are not relinquishing our independence of choice, which may be expressed in the primaries.

"We are determined to bring our political activities by dropping personalities, for we know that there are good and bad men in both parties. The difference between the parties is more fundamental and permanent than personality. It goes back to the two types of mind, the conservative and the liberal. The Republican party is strong on organization. Organization needs brains, money and a motive for untiring energy and persistent work. We acknowledge that there are more college bred men and women of leisure in the Republican party. We acknowledge that it contains richer individuals and corporations. We recognize that perfect organization needs cash. It seems fair to look for the motive behind the energy and work which have built up and are constantly upholding the Republican party. Why do the richest classes and corporations support the Republican party? It is evident that it is primarily the party of property, although Governor Stokes has just anized by socialistic and communistic that it is danger of being Brytic compromise.

"The Democratic party is a party of agitation, a party of protest, having had its birth in the protest of Thomas Jefferson against the iron bundle rule of the Federalists. The election of Cleveland and Wilson both demonstrate this point. The protests of our party have invariably been, not for material gain, but for the preservation of the human element and of personal rights as against property rights. The Democratic party endeavors to work out the many perplexing problems of government by faith in the growth of the people, learning from their own experiences, faults and blunders.

"The Democratic party does not believe in the government of the many through the brain of a few. It is largely composed of persons who need the protection of the government at

expressed in laws, because of wealth or education. It is primarily a party of the poor, whose poverty exposes them to exploitation.

"The Democratic party is a party of the common people. It does not take a prophet to foresee that the question which in the future will daily become more and more acute are those of the relations between the employer and the worker, those which involve the care and protection of women and children in their work and their health. We claim that the Democratic party understands such problems best because they are a part of the daily life of those who compose it.

"The goal of all suffragists is the same, that the country we love should be a better, safer, cleaner place for our children and for the helpless. Which party is most likely to make this object their chief aim and concern and where can women help most to make these ideals realities?"

"We believe that the Democratic party is offering you today the most pliable and the most sympathetic instrument to turn our dreams into realities, and there you may be sure of the warmest welcome."

Lodge in 1918 And Now.

Senator Lodge, leader of the Senate majority now trying to put through the so-called separate peace resolution in the Senate, is the same Senator Lodge who, in an article in The Forum magazine in December, 1918, said it would be a "crime" to negotiate a separate peace. He wrote then:

"The President who delivered the war message and the Congress who voted for war would be guilty of the blackest crime if they were willing to make peace on the status quo ante bellum, and re-create the situation which existed before the war. If we send our armies and our young men abroad to be killed and wounded in Northern France and Flanders with no result but this, our entrance into the war with such an intention was a crime which nothing can justify. The intent of Congress and the intent of the President was that there could be no peace until we could create a situation where no such war as this could recur. We cannot make peace except with our Allies. It would brand us with everlasting dishonor and bring ruin to us also if we undertook to make a separate peace."

There is no stronger argument against the Knox-Porter resolution than Senator Lodge's own.

Stew beef 10c lb.—Walpole Meat Market.

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The President's Opportunity.

That the House of Representatives will acquiesce in the Knox separate peace resolution may be taken for granted. That President Wilson will veto it may also be taken for granted. No other course is open to him.

The President, however, need not waste much time and attention on the resolution itself. The whole procedure is fantastic and unprecedented and at variance with the Constitution itself. The moral issue that is involved was clearly defined by Senator Lodge himself when he said, in December, 1916, that "it would brand us with everlasting dishonor and bring ruin to us if we undertook to make a separate peace." The fact that Senator Lodge has since joined the elements of dishonor and ruin in order to manufacture a partisan issue against the President does not lessen the impressiveness of his warning.

President Wilson will throw the Knox resolution into the waste basket, where it belongs, but in adopting it and in making it a party policy, the Republicans will have given him an opportunity to restate the case for the treaty which he cannot afford to neglect.

His last word on the subject, his telegram to the Oregon Democrats, is far from satisfactory. In that message the President declared it imperative that the Democratic party should "indorse and support the Versailles treaty and condemn the Lodge reservations as utterly inconsistent with the nation's honor and destructive of the world leadership which it has established, and which all the free peoples of the earth, including the great Powers themselves had shown themselves ready to welcome.

The President's words have been subjected to various interpretations. They have been construed as a demand that the Democratic party stand by the treaty without any reservations whatever and they have been interpreted as expression of unqualified opposition only to the Lodge reservations in their present form. Senator Hitchcock takes the latter view, but that is merely the expression of a personal opinion.

Although the President has repeatedly said that he did not object to reservations that did not weaken the covenant, he has never defined in precise terms the scope of such reservations. He is now in a position to do it.

The Senate has shown that it could not command the necessary two-thirds vote for the treaty with the Lodge reservations and that Senator Lodge himself could not hold his party in line on any resolution of ratification. The Knox separate peace resolution is so plainly a partisan maneuver that it cannot be taken seriously by anybody. It is now time for the President to say what he would regard as acceptable in the way of reservations—in short, to open the way to an honorable compromise, if there is any disposition on the part of the Republican Senators to compromise. If there is not, he should force them to admit it.

He cannot afford to give them the chance to shift upon his shoulders the blame for the complete failure of the party. He must make it plain to the country that he has exhausted all his resources in the attempt to arrive at an agreement which will leave the covenant essentially intact, but which at the same time will satisfy any legitimate demand for reservations that simply clarify the duties and responsibilities of the United States in the League of Nations.—Post-Dispatch.

House Building in China

All lumber for building in China is bought in the log. As soon as the logs begin to arrive the contractor tackles them with the sawyers. These men are paid piece rates which average about three cash or one-tenth of a cent per square foot of surface sawed. They average a better wage than a carpenter, getting about 10 cents a day for the carpenter. At this rate they are cheaper than any steam saw mill that can operate in China. In fact, the only reason a saw mill can operate in China at all is because it can produce quickly and with a more even thickness than the native sawyers. The necessary doors, frames and window sashes are all made by hand. Three Chinese carpenters at 8 cents a day with their native tools can accomplish about the same work done by one American carpenter with all equipment. The work is well done if well supervised. The American carpenter has all his wood surfaced, so the Chinese carpenter is at a disadvantage. In comparison, I should say that about five Chinese carpenters at 8 cents a day each are necessary to do the work of an American carpenter who receives \$6 a day and has all his wood prepared for him.—H. K. Richardson in Asia.

Men's Spring Hats at the right price.—Pinnel Store Co.

Going Bail For Johnson.

Hiram Johnson is the only Republican contender for the presidential nomination who is suspected of a purpose to bolt if conditions at Chicago in June do not prove agreeable to him.

One reason why the Senator is looked upon in this curious way is that he has a record. In 1912 he not only bolted but he accepted a nomination for Vice President from a party which denounced Republicans as "tools of corrupt interests enthroned in invincible government" who had "deliberately betrayed the trust" of the people. Another reason is found in the fact that some of his most ardent supporters, like Senator Borah and William R. Hearst, do not hesitate to suggest some such stratagem in this year of grace.

It will pain Americans who admire independence in politics, therefore, to learn that Mr. Johnson's Eastern managers have announced their willingness to go bail for him. The guarantee is regularity. He is a thick-and-thin party man. The hosts at the national convention may slay him, but he will applaud them with his last breath. He is making all this trouble for the organization because he loves it, and even in the face of ingratitude he will remain true.

This is fine from a partisan point of view, but where does it leave the Senator? If he can convince his fellow Republicans that he is as dependable as Gen. Wood, Senator Harding or Gov. Lowden, he will deprive the managers of their strongest incentive to deal generously with him. A Hiram Johnson who stands without hitching is not greatly to be feared by the standpatters, with whom that is a habit.—Post-Dispatch.

The Labor Problems.

We believe that any man who is willing to work has a right to a steady job, fair hours and a living wage. We believe that strikes are not a disease, but a symptom of disease; and we believe that the time to observe and improve the relations between employer and worker is not while strikes are going on, but in the periods between them. We believe that nothing is gained by imagining that radicalism, under any of its names, is the cause of industrial unrest. It is not a cause, but an effect. The recent railroad yard men's strike showed what damage could be done to personal freedom and public safety by a group of workmen who tried to paralyze the railroads of America. We may expect, unless all Americans unite to find and apply the remedy, many other disturbances. The entire public depends on the service, for example, of railroad workers, of miners, of policemen, of mail carriers and of teachers. American democracy was intended to remove classes, not to create them and set them in opposition to each other. To each political party, to every candidate for office, to the men and women who support their candidacies, the labor question now presents itself as one that can no longer be twisted into any shape dictated by party or local expediency.—Colliers'.

We Say Amen!

A great and successful farmer who had been farming for seventy years, when asked what was the greatest farming lesson he had learned, replied: "The lesson that good farming pays better than any other business in the world; pays not only in money, but in health and contentment of mind. It is one business in which a man can live the Golden Rule every day, in all his dealings; and the longer he lives the more his satisfaction with it grows; and at the sunset of life he can look back over the years without a single regret, knowing that they have been well spent and that he has contributed his best to the sum of human happiness and lived closest to the Scriptural injunction as to how a man should live."—The Oregon (Illinois) Republican.

Serviceable to Papa.

A Red Cross public health nurse in a southern town has found the latest novelty in names for babies. She was weighing a little black youngster. "What do you call your baby?" she asked the grinning young mother. "Weather-strips," replied the parent. "Weather-strips," exclaimed the nurse. "What's the idea, Manly?" "We done named her Weather-strips 'cause she kept her papa outta de draft."—American Red Cross Bulletin.

Miss Margarite Cody, the first woman journalist in the press gallery of the British House of Commons, has many athletic records to her credit. She swims, boxes, rows, plays hockey and tennis, practices jiu-jitsu and enjoys flying.

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The Origin of Old Customs and Beliefs

When some illustrious person dies, flags are lowered to half-mast. If the average man in the street was interrogated for an explanation he would probably say it was just the usual custom. However, there is a distinct meaning in this, for the space above is left for the flag of the Angel of Death.

Again, a ship is invariably spoken of as of the feminine gender; this is traced to the ancient Greeks, who called all ships feminine names out of respect to Athene, Goddess of the Sea.

Friday is believed to be an unlucky day by those who are superstitious. It is derived from the fact that it was the day of Our Lord's Crucifixion, as well as the one on which Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit.

Few, perhaps, are aware why a feather-cock is frequently attached to a church steeple. This is believed to remind people of Peter's denial of Our Savior.

Journalists are spoken of as "members of the Fourth Estate." Burke is generally credited as being the originator of the phrase, for while addressing Parliament one day he said there were three branches of government, the king, the house of lords, and the house of commons, the Three Estates; but, turning around to the reporters' gallery, he added, "There sits the Fourth Estate, far more important than the others."

The barber's pole has also a curious history. In other times barbers were also surgeons, and practiced the art of phlebotomy, and a pole was given to the patient to hold in his hand in order to let the blood run more freely. The pole should have a line of blue paint, one of red, and one of white, winding round its length, blue representing the blood in the veins, red the blood in the arteries and white the bandages.

"Uncle" adopts his familiar sign of three balls over his shop, because the balls form part of the old Arms of Lombardy, the people there being the first pawnbrokers in existence.

It is common belief that peacock's feathers are unlucky. This is due to the tradition that the bird opened the Gate of Paradise to the serpent.

The nick in a coat has been a puzzle to many. It is said to date back to the time of Napoleon. A general named Moreau had many followers, but they were afraid to openly express sympathy with him. It was therefore agreed to put a nick on their coats as a secret sign. The letter M can be seen in the lapel representing the initial letter of the General's name.

The word "tip" finds its origin in the fact that restaurant keepers used to place a box with a slit in it, with

the words, "To insure promptness," the initials of which spell the now familiar term for gratuity.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Farrel Tablet Arrives.

The Fletcher Farrell memorial tablet in honor of Monroe county soldiers who served in the world war arrived Monday and will be placed on the wall in the vestibule at the court house at once. It is made of white glass with gold lettering, and is 13 feet and 6 inches long and 6 feet and 6 inches wide. It is a beautiful gift, expressing a noble sentiment and characteristic of the man who gave it.

The whole is inclosed in a massive frame and amid beautifully tinted scroll work at the top is the inscription, "Lest we forget those who served in the world war." The names of those who gave up their lives, including Christine Colborne, are in a separate scroll. No county in the nation has a more beautiful memorial.—Paris Mercury.

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Jean's Ailment.

Jean, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Santisteban of Columbus was playing in a room where her mother was busy and grew inquisitive. So troublesome did her questions become that finally her mother said:

"Run away and play, Jean, I'm busy as I can be and sick of the bargain." Jean disappeared and was not seen for a few minutes. Then she entered the room again, looking very woe-begone and holding her head in both hands.

"Why, what is the matter, Jean?" asked Mrs. Santisteban.

"I'm sick," replied the tot. "Where do you feel sick?" asked the mother in alarm.

"Why, I guess I'm sick in the bargain," answered Jean.—Indianapolis News.

Dr. P. M. Malcolm suffered two broken ribs Wednesday of last week, when he fell from the porch at his home, 202 Center Street. Both ribs were broken in two places. The Dr. although able to be up has not been able to attend to his practise.

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"Sell some to a preacher first." Just why this should be heavily underscored as one of the most important steps in the campaign of the young stock salesman, known a generation or so ago as a "green goods man," will not be immediately apparent to the uninitiated.

Is not the minister one of the most poorly paid of our quasi-public servants? Has he not, therefore, but little money to invest?

"Quite so," would say the handbook on "How to Get Rich on Phony Stock," were not this line of instruction always dispensed verbally instead of by printed page.

"Quite so. The preacher gets a little pay, and has still less to invest. Nevertheless, sell him some, even if only a few shares."

"But why, Oh Wise Instructor, should I waste time selling these few shares when I might be selling many?" "Because forsooth, Oh Earnest Pupil, you will sell many a big lot by being able to tell people that their preacher has bought a few."

"But why should people care what stock their preacher has bought? His studies are all of the spiritual, his activities in promoting the moral. Why should anyone imagine that his minister is judge of an investment?"

"They should not, but they do, Oh Pupil. Tell a man to ask his garage man what is the matter with his car and he will do so after he has made it worse by his own tinkering. Tell a man to get a plumber to fix his drains, and he will do so."

Tell a man to ask a banker whether a stock is sound, and he will not; no, not even after he has been many times stung. But tell him that his preacher has bought your stock and he will do likewise."

That this old, old formula of the "green goods man," the "confidence man," and the "phony stock salesman" is still producing satisfactory results is apparent from the recent appearance in a religious organ of the alleged experience of a minister who acquired himself an automobile and a comfortable capital reserve by "stock investments."

One single line in the alleged experience of the minister noted was enough to exhibit the cloven hoof. "I could not even make payments on the Liberty Bonds for which I subscribed." This is the most overworked part of the vocabulary of the worthless stock specialist. "Don't buy Liberty Bonds," he says. "They pay you only 4 1/4 per cent. My securities will pay you 500 per cent." The only difference between this statement and the facts being that the Liberty Bonds will return you exactly 100 cents of value when the time comes for the government to redeem them, while the promoter's offerings most likely will represent 100 per cent loss long before that time.

For the minister, as for the professional man in other lines and the business man whose own organization requires all his time to supervise, there is but one investment which does not demand extensive investigation before purchase.

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PARTIAL PAYMENT PLAN Works Well in Buying United States Treasury Savings Certificates.

The partial payment plan of buying Treasury Savings Certificates in St. Louis is catching on quickly. A few days ago J. H. Anderson, director of the Metropolitan Department, attended a noonday meeting of the employees of the D'Arcy Advertising Company, and made a brief talk. Seven of the employees subscribed for bonds, totaling \$900.

They agreed to pay \$5 per month on the certificates, the seven clerks buying through five different banks.

The contract is that they pay the amount the certificates are worth on the month of final payment, at which time the bank will turn over the certificate and open a savings account in the bank with a credit of one dollar.

WILTON'S GOOD RECORD.

New Hampshire Town Makes Big Showing in Government Securities.

Wilton, New Hampshire, has hung up a record for community thrift in the last seven months which sets a mark for every larger town and city in the United States to work for. Wilton has 1,490 inhabitants, but the postmaster of the town has sold government savings certificates in excess of \$8,000, maturity value, in that time. The men, women and children placed \$2,945.83 of their money in War Savings Stamps and \$7,772.83 in Treasury Savings Certificates. This is an average of \$1.98 for each inhabitant in W. S. S. and \$3.24 in Treasury Savings Certificates, or a grand average of \$5.22 per capita. The inhabitants of the town expect to continue that ratio of investment throughout this year.

Some men still wait for their sailing ship to come in; others prepare, by steady saving and safe investment in Government Savings Securities, a steamship which will get back on time.

For Her Benefit.

Dick and Jimmy were visiting their grandmother. One night when they were saying their prayers Jimmy voiced his petitions for Christmas presents in a tone that could be heard a mile.

"Why do you pray for your Christmas present so loud?" interrupted Dick. "The Lord ain't deaf."

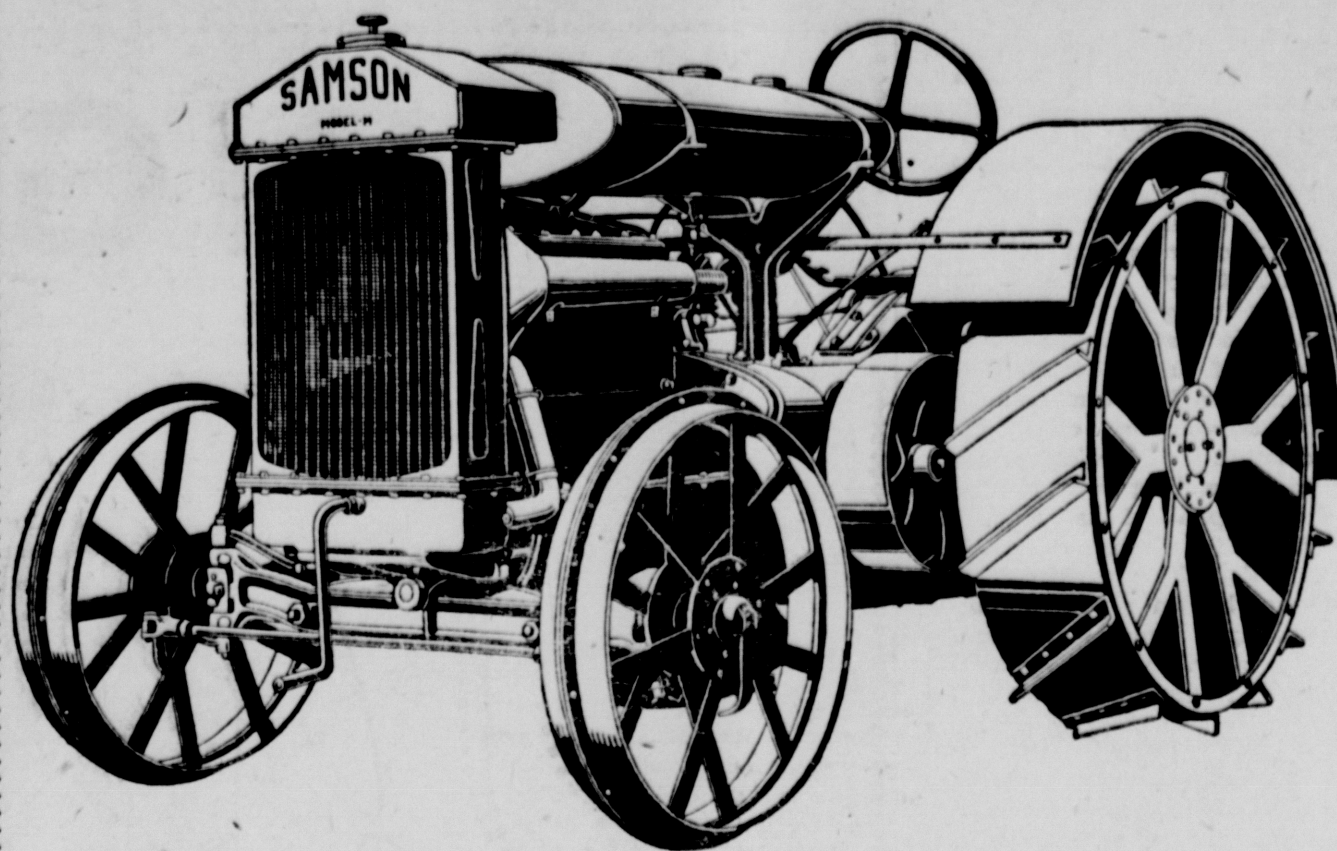
"No," whispered Jimmy, "but grandmother is."—Ex.

The first issue of "The Torch," the successor to "The Menace," has appeared. The plant of "The Menace" at Aurora burned last year. The affairs of the company are still involved in litigation in the higher courts. Only 25,000 copies of the paper was printed, while formerly "The Menace" had a circulation of one-half million copies. The paper recently has been excluded from the mails in Canada.—Howell County Gazette.

A colored citizen was up before his honor on complaint of his wife for some domestic trouble.

Judge: "Who married you?"

Colored Citizen: "You did, sah, and I ain't never voted fur you, sence."



SAMSON MODEL "M" TRACTOR

A maximum of horse power for the actual work instead of for moving the weight of the tractor itself—that is what the Samson Model "M" Tractor affords.

It is built like a high-powered automobile—light and strong, with the weight evenly distributed for balance, sure traction and economy of operation.

It has a close-coupled power unit all by itself from radiator to rear wheels, and every working part is enclosed and protected against dust, mud or rain.

Complete with platform, fenders, governor, power take-off, brackets for canopy top and regular cleats.

Taylor Implement & Auto Co. Sikeston, Missouri

State and National Business News

A special election in St. Louis on a bond issue providing a total of \$24,000,000.00 for 18 projected improvements resulted in the carrying of only five proposals, providing \$3,725,000.00.

The State Board of Agriculture predicts that the yield of wheat in Missouri will be less this year than half the yield last year, due to decreased acreage and unfavorable conditions.

The Howell County Court has rejected three bids for the construction of a 50-mile road project because the lowest bid was nine per cent higher than the engineer's estimate. Prices asked ranged from \$62,000.00 to \$68,100.00.

A proposition made to Mountain Grove for the construction of a dehydrating plant for drying fruits and vegetables was turned down because it required the financing of a \$150,000.00 stock company by the citizens of the town.

An Open Shop Association has been formed by 250 business firms of Joplin, for the purpose of improving labor conditions and preventing strikes, lockouts, boycotts and other labor troubles. The plan is to pay fair wages and provide good working conditions, but to refuse to deal with union business agents and strike agitators.

In Kansas City the high cost of union business agents is being complained of by some of the most aggressive union workers. Following the granting of increased wages in all the building crafts on May 1st, it developed that business agents are being allowed liberal toll on the increase. The business agent for the building laborers has been granted a weekly salary of \$50.00, with a motor car and its upkeep supplied free. The hoisting engineers' business agent, with car and upkeep also supplied, is to have \$65.00 a week, while the agent of the Building Trades Council is to get his car and \$75 a week.

A factory to manufacture molasses feed will be established at Rich Hill by a local company. A building formerly occupied by a smelter has been purchased to be used as a factory.

An addition to the power plant of

the St. Joseph Lead Company of Bonne Terre is being constructed. It will increase the output from 6,000 K. W. H. to 11,000. The power plant is located at Rivermines.

A sorghum manufacturing company has been organized at West Plains and is making contracts with farmers for a large supply of cane.

Business men of Quincy, Ill., are advertising in the newspapers that they have determined to operate on the Open Shop plan. The advertisement is signed by 208 firms. The Open Shop plan also has been adopted by the Operative Builders' Association of Philadelphia and the business men of York, Pa. The Open Shop movement is spreading rapidly.

Detailed reports received by the Associated Industries of Missouri indicate that there is a shortage of farm labor in Missouri amounting to probably 30,000 men. In many cases farm

ers needing help have found themselves unable to pay the high wages demanded by farm hands and have decided to cut their acreage of cultivated crops. They are also making use of improved machinery as much as possible. The indications, however, are that unless additional labor is obtained there will be a reduction in the food supply and the cost of living will go still higher. The situation could be helped by a continuation of the war edpolicy of back yard gardens. Help also would be afforded if the college and high school students and professional men would spend their vacations working on farms. School teachers who need more money also might find it profitable to spend the summer months in agricultural labor.

Serious Disease in Newton County—D. F. Luckey, State Veterinarian was hastily summoned to Newton County where an outbreak of glanders occurred among several horses. The animals were killed. The disease is fatal to both animals and people. This was the first outbreak of glanders in the State in more than two years.

Nice Gingham and Percale Dresses.—Pinnell Store Co.

Sile Sims says he had not bought an article of any kind in five years that did not have some kind of a guarantee and if he has had a thing during that time that was worth a dam, he cannot recall it.—Hogville News.

It has been decided by a unanimous vote that the Musical Revue at the Liberty Theater Wednesday evening of last week was the best evening's entertainment Morley has ever had. The black face sketch brought forth so many laughs that the dialogue could scarcely be heard at times. The chorus girls were as good as any to be seen in the city shows. The female impersonators made the hit of the evening, as it is seldom one has the chance to see local men do stunts of this nature. Miss Stubbs with her wonderful voice was greeted with storms of applause. The applause which Miss Crowe received after her very mastery handling of her violin testified to the fact that Morley people delight in the rendition of exquisite music.—Morley Banner.



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Program S. E. Mo. Drummers Association

THURSDAY, MAY 27

9:00 A. M. to 12 A. M.—Opening of Headquarters and Bureau of Information at Southeast Missouri Farm Bureau office.

12:00 Noon—Luncheon

1:00 to 3:00 P. M.—Grand Reunion

2:15 P. M.—Arrival of Poepping's Famous American Band and delegations.

3:30 P. M.—Address of Welcome at Band Stand, Malone's Park, by Hon. C. C. White, Mayor of Sikeston, and Response by M. K. Gillespie, President Southeast Missouri Drummers' Association.

Further addresses by

L. M. Stallcup, President Sikeston Chamber of Commerce, Green B. Greer, former President Sikeston Chamber of Commerce, R. E. Bailey, City Attorney.

4:30 to 6:00 P. M.—Reception to visiting ladies by Woman's Club at residence of Mrs. Milton Haas.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner

8:00 P. M.—Concert extraordinaire at Malone's Theater by Poepping's American Band, assisted by Miss Hazel Stubbs (dramatic soprano), Dr. Geo. L. Tonelli (tenor), and the Famous Moran "Kiddies."

Program For Concert

1. March—"The American Red Cross".....Panella
2. Overture—"Broken Idol".....Van Alstyne
3. Soprano Solo—"Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star".....Wagner Miss Stubbs
4. Morceau de Concert—"Salut d'Amour".....Elgar
5. Tenor Solo—"Non e Ver".....Mattei Dr. Tonelli
6. Melodies from "The Lady of the Slipper".....Herbert
7. Singing and Dancing de Luxe—Miss Lucille Moran and Kiddies
8. Finale from "The Chocolate Soldier" (request).....Strauss

At the conclusion of which the audience will please rise and sing one verse of the "Star Spangled Banner."

9:45 P. M.—Boxing Exhibition

10:30 P. M.—Informal dance, music by Poepping's Jazz Orchestra.

1:00 A. M.—Taps.

FRIDAY, MAY 28th

5:00 A. M.—Reveille

6:30 A. M.—Breakfast

9:00 A. M.—Band Concert, Malone's Park, by Poepping's Band.

10:30 A. M.—Aeroplane flights by Ex-Lieut. C. J. Faulkner and Leonard McMullin. All stunts known in aviation will be demonstrated.

12:00 Noon—Luncheon

1:30 P. M.—Grand Parade, Southeast Missouri Drummers, children of Sikeston and automobiles.

2:30 P. M.—Athletic events, Malone's Park. Valuable prizes for the winners.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner

7:30 P. M.—Band Concert by Poepping's Band

9:15 P. M.—Grand Informal Ball at City Hall. Music by Poepping's Orchestra.

1:00 A. M.—Taps.

SATURDAY, MAY 27th

6:00 A. M.—Reveille

7:00 A. M.—Breakfast.

9:00 A. M.—Business meeting at Malone's Theater.

12:00 Noon—Luncheon

1:30 to 5:00 P. M.—Au Revoir.

Willie, age three, while watching mamma giving his little sister her morning bath, noticed a birth mark on sister's little neck and exclaimed: "Mamma, God forgot to take off the price mark."

Ladies and Children's Oxfords and Pumps.—Pinnell Store Company.

A deep-blue colored sky, even when seen through clouds, indicates fair weather, while a growing whiteness indicates an approaching rain.

MALONE THEATRE Wednesday, Eve, May 26

THOMAS H. INCH PRESENTS

Dorothy Dalton

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She Could Sell Snowballs in Sitka—

But she couldn't sell her sweetheart the idea that she didn't want to share his attentions with some 'Broadway Jane', until she—! Well, the fur flew and then SWEETHEART CAME MARCHING HOME.

A story of a saleswoman who stacked up against the best men on the road and won easily, but found it hard to win out with her own best pal.

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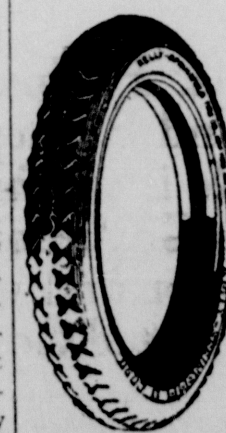
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Notice: Commencing Friday, June 4th, our Friday and Saturday night prices change to 11c and 22c.

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NEW MADRID, MO.

**MISSOURI AMONG STATES
SUFFERING HEAVY IN WAR**

St. Louis, May 21.—Men from Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, comprising District No. 9 of the United States Public Health Service, suffered 10 per cent of the 200,000 casualties in the army section of the A. E. F., and including the men of the Marine Corps and navy from this district there were about 35,000 casualties during the war among men of these four states. This was the statement of Major L. H. Bahrenberg before the members' conference luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday at the American Annex.

Maj. Bahrenberg is in charge of the two hospitals of the Public Health Service in St. Louis. He advocated making this city the chief hospital center of his service in this district by building a large modern hospital, doing away with the old Marine Hospital and returning the one at 5800 Arsenal street to the city for its original purpose as an infirmary. There are 30 admissions a day to the two hospitals, he said, and the one on Arsenal street has an average of 475 patients.

He said St. Louis would make as good a place as any in several Western states for a tuberculosis hospital for most cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Story of Bragg City are visiting Mrs. Story's mother, Mrs. Martha Fisher.

Miss Virgie Barnett, who attended Sikeston High School this year, returned Monday to her home in Princeton, Kentucky.

Sam Phillips of Blytheville, Ark., is in this city for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Kimes, and sister, Mrs. Mary Ellsworth.

Mrs. Bettie Matthews and Miss Marie DeGuire returned Monday from a short visit in Poplar Bluff. Two of Mrs. Matthews' small grandchildren accompanied them home.

Dr. A. H. Barnes was in Benton Friday night to assist in the organization of a Wesley Bible Class. The Sikeston Orchestra furnished the musical part of the evening's program.

Guy Carter was in Cairo to see Mrs. Carter, who is a patient at St. Mary's Infirmary. He reports her condition so very much improved that it is probable she may be brought home the first of next week.

Well-Bred Hogs Make Gains Rapidly

That blood will tell in hog feeding has been established to the satisfaction of W. H. Harper, Mississippi County. Under the direction of W. H. Rusk of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. Mr. Harper has been conducting a hog feeding experiment to determine the results of feeding various grades of hogs. He used three lots: One of scrubs, one of half breeding, and one of pure breeding. The experiment, after running about seventy days, showed striking results. The lot of pure-breds weighed about three hundred pounds, the halfbred lot about two hundred and thirty five pounds, and the scrubs about one hundred and sixty pounds. These lots had all had the same care and treatment. Another experiment will be begun soon and records kept to furnish definite information.

Miss Marjorie Smith returned Sunday from an extended visit in Kansas City and St. Louis.

Miss Jane Wells departed Saturday for her home in Marble Hill. Miss Wells expected to teach next year in the West.

Miss Dolores O'Bryan, daughter of Mrs. Dixie O'Bryan, was married recently in Roy, New Mexico, to Earl McMinimy, a prominent business man of that city. Miss O'Bryan is a Charleston girl, who served overseas as a Red Cross nurse, she has visited frequently in this city. Mr. McMinimy is a former service man and the marriage is the culmination of a romance that began in Sunny France.

W. C. Bowman made a business trip to Dexter Monday.

Mrs. Anna Puls of Jackson arrived Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hope.

Mrs. Paul Anderson arrived Sunday to join Mr. Anderson, who is employed in the Peoples Bank.

D. A. Mocabee and son, Allen of Morehouse visited Sunday at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Earl Malone.

Mrs. Robert Barnett and family left Monday morning for Princeton, Ky., where they will make their future home.

Miss Ruth Horning, teacher of Commercial work at Sikeston High School, left Saturday for her home in Palestine, Ill.

Miss Elsie Proffer came in from Poplar Bluff Saturday afternoon for a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Proffer.

Tom Murty, operator at the Iron Mountain Station, and Mrs. Murty left Monday for a 30-day vacation. They expect to visit in Neelys, Mo. St. Louis, Detroit and a number of points in Kansas.

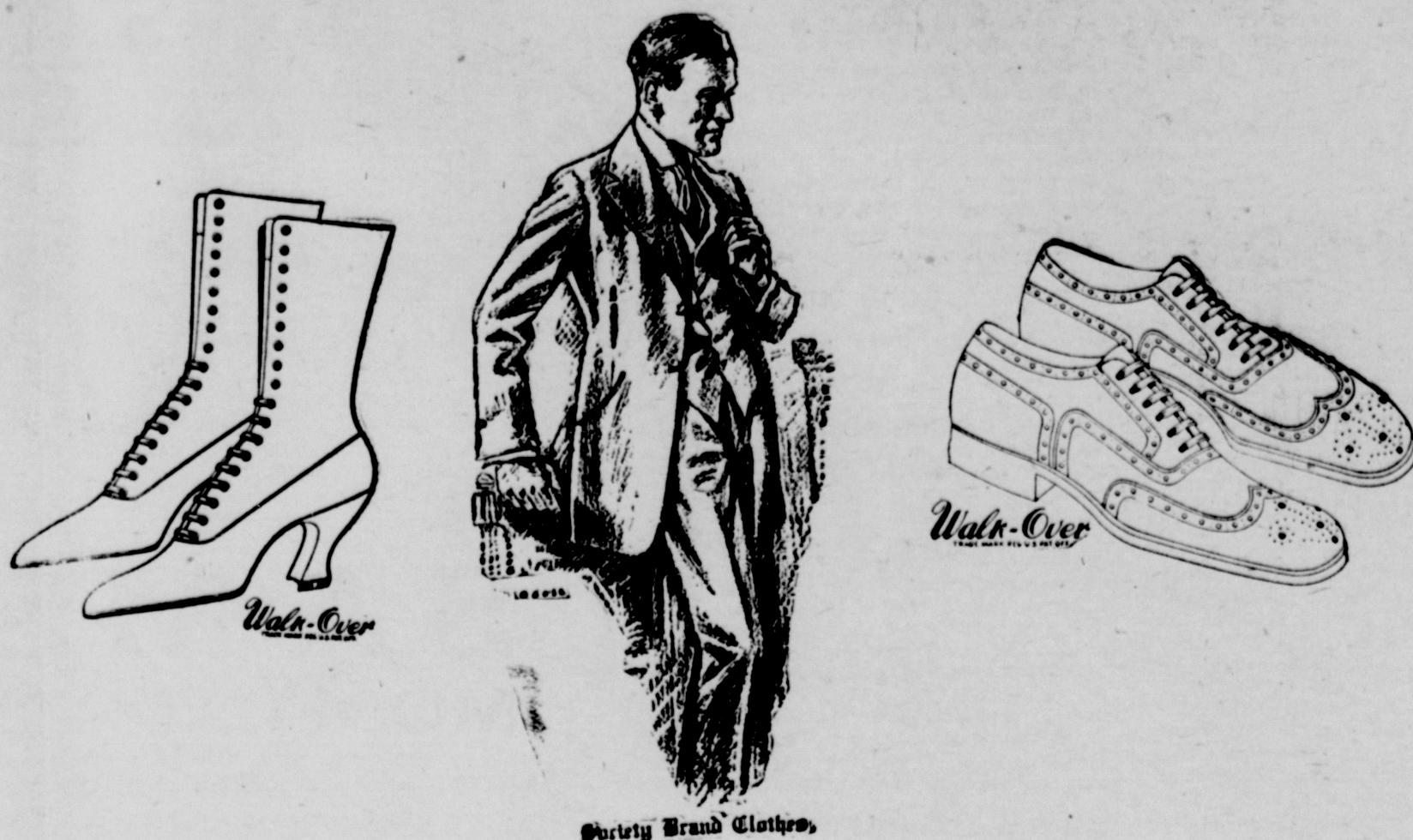
FOR SALE—Four room house, 2 lots, outbuildings, etc., on Matthews Ave. Apply to 319 N. Prairie.

Wanted—Men for work at sawmill near Matthews. \$3.50 per day and up. Apply C. F. Bruton, Sikeston, Mo., or W. H. Marr, Matthews.

Lost—Red cow wearing small bell, has keen horns, a small white streak on left hind leg. Marked with under half crop in both ears. Last seen at Doc Moore's place. \$5.00 reward. W. H. Marr, Matthews, Mo.

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A BIG SALE



In our great Stock Equalization Sale every day has been a big one. Saturday was bigger than the first day. This will be a bigger week than the past one. We are giving just what we say. Read one of our big bills and come prepared to buy. Remember what we tell you; close of season prices will not approach what we are offering right now.

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POLITICAL SPEAKING

HON. FRANK H. FARRIS

Candidate for Governor of Missouri on Democratic ticket will address the voters of Scott County on following dates

At Morley, Friday, May 28, 1:30 p. m.

At Benton, Friday, May 28, 3:30 p. m.

At Oran, Friday, May 28, 7:30 p. m.

At Sikeston, Saturday, May 29, 2:30 and 7:30

Mr. Farris is a citizen of Rolla, Phelps County, Mo., has ably served in the Legislature and Senate, and is one of the best speakers in the State. He is seeking the nomination on the Democratic ticket for Governor and will tell you in his speeches what he stands for and what he hopes to accomplish if nominated and elected Governor of Missouri

Important Notice To The Public

Due to the increased cost of flour, sugar, labor and all other materials that are used in the baking industry, we are forced to make a small increase in prices on our different products, effective Monday, May 24, 1920

This Is Our Reason

Prices We Paid a Year Ago

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| White Flour, per barrel | \$10.00 |
| Rye Flour, per barrel | 9.00 |
| Sugar, per 100 lbs. | 8.00 |
| Lard, per 100 lbs. | 17.50 |
| Wrapping paper, per 100 lbs. | 9.50 |
| Eggs, per dozen | .35 |

Prices We Pay Today

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| White Flour, per barrel | \$15.00 |
| Rye Flour, per barrel | 12.50 |
| Sugar, per 100 lbs. | 32.00 |
| Lard, per 100 lbs. | 24.00 |
| Wrapping paper, per 100 lbs. | 26.00 |
| Eggs, per dozen | .40 |

The New Retail Prices

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| Bread, large size loaf | 15c | Rolls, per dozen | 20c |
| Bread, small size loaf | 11c | Doughnuts, per dozen | 25c |
| Coffee Cakes, each | 10c | | |

Price of cakes will be according to fluctuating ingredients used in their baking.

Schorle Bros. Baking Co.

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